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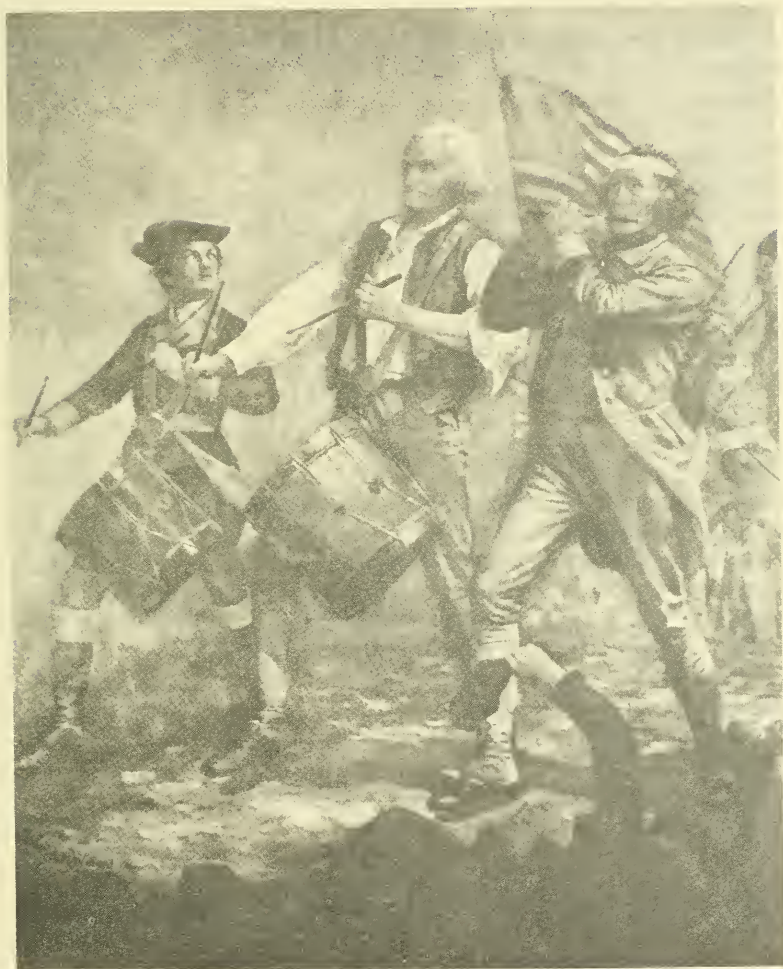
Town of CHESTER
NEW HAMPSHIRE

FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1973



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Benjamin Franklin

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TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator

JOHN A. WEST

Representatives to the General Court

RICHARDSON D. BENTON — Chester

ROY W. DAVIS — Auburn

HELEN WILSON — Candia

Selectmen

DAVID C. REID, Chairman — 1974

JAMES W. TOWLE, JR. — 1975

TIMOTHY J. FEINAUER — 1976

Town Clerk

RUTH M. RICHARDSON

Town Treasurer

LINDSEY F. RICE

Tax Collector

NANCY E. WARE

Road Agent

CLARENCE WARE

Health Officer and Building Inspector

CLIFTON D. HOLMAN

Chester Police Department

WILLIAM BRANDER III — Chief

(Police Phone 887-3229 — Home Phone 887-4268)

POLICE OFFICERS

FREDERICK H. FOLLMER

WILLIAM P. BRANDER

LINDSEY F. RICE

WAYNE GATES

SUSAN BRANDER, Police Matron

Special Officers

MAURICE G. COLMAN, Polls

CLIFTON D. HOLMAN,

ALFRED F. DELOREY, Polls

Health Officer

ERNEST S. EDWARDS, Polls

JOSIAH C. RICHARDSON

Honorary

Special Dog Officers

EUGENE TENNEY

JACK TOWLE

Director of Civil Defense

LINDSEY F. RICE

Overseer of Welfare

DAVID C. REID

Chester Volunteer Fire Department

RAYMOND I. DOLLOFF, JR., Chief — 887-3809

Forest Fire Warden

RAYMOND I. DOLLOFF, JR.

Supervisors of the Check List

ERNEST S. EDWARDS

MAURICE G. COLMAN

ALFRED F. DELOREY

Trustees of Trust Funds

H. EARLE GRANT — 1976

ROBERT T. NICOLL II — 1974

LUCILLE R. EDWARDS — 1975

Library Trustees

KATHERINE HUSTON – 1976 EDWARD MURPHY – 1974
ARLENE DELOREY – 1975

Village Cemetery Trustees

RICHARDSON D. BENTON – 1976 ALBERT WARREN, SR. – 1974
STANTON LEIGHTON – 1975

Great Hill Cemetery Trustees

MAURICE G. COLMAN – 1975 LLEWELYN S. HERRICK – 1975
BYRON MILLS – 1974 JOHN S. RAND – 1976
ERNEST S. EDWARDS – 1977

Trustees of Wilcomb–Townsend Home

RUTH P. MONISH – 1978 BYRON MILLS – 1975
AUSTIN C. HUNT – 1974 EDITH A. NICHOLS – 1976
JOHN A. WEST – 1977

Town Auditors

JOHN STARVISH, JR. WALTER W. KRAUSHAAR
CHARLES H. FREDERICK

Budget Advisory Committee

HARRY SMITH – 1978 H. EARLE GRANT – 1975
PHILIP B. HOLMES, JR. – 1974 RICHARD W. WIGGIN – 1976
STANTON LEIGHTON – 1977

Planning Board

RAYMOND I. DOLLOFF, SR., Chairman – 1977
HAROLD E. VENNER – 1979 KEVIN SCOTT – 1976
HARRY SMITH – 1974 HOWARD GEDDIS – 1978
CHARLES W. DOWNING – 1975 DAVID C. REID, Selectman
Ex-officio

Zoning Board of Adjustment

RICHARD I. SPENCER, Chairman — 1975

CLIFFORD MILLSAPS — 1978

JOHN ZITO — 1976

RICHARD W. WIGGIN — 1974

JOHN COLMAN — 1977

Conservation Committee

JAMES TEBO — 1976

GLADYS NICHOL — 1975

JACK TOWLE — 1976

WARREN NOYES — 1977

JESSICA HALE — 1977

WALTER ST CLAIR — 1975

TIMOTHY J. FEINAUER, Ex-officio

Honorary Appointments

Inspector of Grist Mills, Factories and Sawmills

JOSIAH RICHARDSON

JULIUS BALCIUS

HANS A. HANSON, SR.

Sealer of Weights and Measures

JOHN A. WEST

PHILIP MENARD, SR.

REV. RAY H. COWEN

Inspectors of Bounds, Claims and Titles

RAYMOND I. DOLLOFF

CLIFTON D. HOLLMAN

Weigher of Grain and Measurer of Hay and Provender

LLEWELYN HERRICK

ROBERT HEALEY

Town Historians

EVELYN NOYES

LULA RAND

LUCY REID

Surveyor of Wood, Bark and Lumber

HARRY EDWARDS

GEORGE RAND

JAMES W. TOWLE, SR.

Inspector of Farms and Firesides

George Goldsmith

RICHARD W. WIGGIN

WALTER BERRY

(Holder of Boston Post Cane — Oldest Male Resident of Chester)

Keeper of the Town Pound

ARTHUR DOLLOFF

ARTHUR HICKS

Consulting Engineer and Maintenance Supervisor
of the Town Chronometer
(Clock Winder)

ALLAN P. RENAUD

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

At Town Meeting in March of 1973, there were numerous articles in the Warrant on Federal Revenue Sharing expenditures. Because of the red tape involved in any Federal program, special warrant article wording, special checking accounts, separate check books and ledgers were needed to satisfy the requirements of the program.

When all these arrangements were established and the Selectmen were making the authorized expenditures of these monies, we received a letter stating that we must return almost \$14,000.00 of these funds. We had no choice in the matter. The money was returned and our funds for the fire truck, sanitary land fill and Town Hall renovations all suffered serious setbacks or complete depletion of funds.

The monies promised for the 1973 year were to be around \$30,000.00, and we have only received a small portion of this. The Revenue Sharing funds that are available will have to go for the final payment of the tax map and the remainder towards the fire truck.

In general, it is the opinion of the Board that the program of Revenue Sharing was a big flop. The decreases in State and Federal Funds to the School District were greater than the final amount of funds available to the Town from Revenue Sharing.

Welfare problems are on the increase, closely related to the energy crisis. Many companies are tightening their belts and cutting the number of employees. The shortage of materials, gasoline and heating oils is causing unemployment. The Town has not been hit real hard as yet, but all predictions are for conditions to get worse before any improvements are seen.

The lot of land bordered by French Memorial Field, the Village Cemetery and the Mossman property, a three acre piece, owned by Roland Nichols has been offered to the Town. In the future plans for the Town are needs for a larger fire house and also a larger library. It is hoped that the taxpayers will authorize the purchase of this lot.

The Selectmen recently signed a dog ordinance, which gives our new dog officer powers to cope with the constant problem of stray and unlicensed dogs.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID C. REID
JAMES W. TOWLE, JR.
TIMOTHY J. FEINAUER
Selectmen of Chester

TOWN WARRANT

The State of New Hampshire

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Chester in the County of Rockingham in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at Stevens Memorial Hall in said Chester on Tuesday, the fifth day of March, next at 10:00 of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects: Propose to close polls at 6:30 P.M.

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

2. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors and Committees or Officers heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

3. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town Charges for the year ensuing and make appropriation of same (\$17,725) (See TC Budget figures).

4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the maintenance and improvements of Highways and pass any vote relating thereto (\$8,000.00 for Summer and \$7,000.00 for Winter — Total \$15,000.00).

5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to defray the General Expenses of the Highway Department \$1,200.00).

6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for Class V Highways (\$738.26), the State to contribute (\$4,921.74).

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the maintenance of Stevens Memorial Hall and other Town Buildings (\$3,500.00).

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the care of Town Poor; also its share of O.A.A. (Town Poor \$4,000.00 — Old Age Assistance \$3,500.00) (Total \$7,500.00).

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for membership for one year in the Derry Visiting Nurse Association \$1,000.00).

10. To see if the Town of Chester will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of (\$850.00) to aid in the support of the Greater Salem Mental Health Association.

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a

sum of money to defray the expenses of the Fire Department. (\$6,500.00) (inc. Forest Fires and Fire Trails) (\$150 & \$50)

12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to defray the expenses of the Police Department (\$8,000.00).

13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to defray the expenses of the operation of the Disposal Area (\$1,500.00) and provide automobile stickers as a permit to the Disposal Area.

14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to cover the cost of insuring Town Buildings, Town Equipment and Town Employees (\$3,000.00).

15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to cover Legal Expenses (\$2,000.00).

16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to defray the expenses of the Planning and Zoning Boards (\$250.00).

17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to defray the expenses of the Dog Officer (\$650.00).

18. To see if the Selectmen will allow a discount of 1% on all property taxes paid by September 1st, or within 10 days after receipt of tax bill.

19. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

20. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Revenue Sharing Trust Fund and transfer to the General Administration Account a sum of (\$5,000.00) for the purpose of tax mapping (RSA 31:95A). (Funds appropriated from Revenue Sharing Period 1 July 1972 to 31 Dec 1972 and 1 Jan 1973 to 30 June 1973.)

21. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of (\$3,000.00) from the Revenue Sharing Trust Funds and transfer to the General Administration Account towards the purchase of a new fire truck. (Funds appropriated from Revenue Sharing Period 1 July 1973 to 1 December 1973)

22. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money necessary to make full payment on the new fire truck (approx. \$10,000.00) to be reimbursed by Revenue Sharing Funds when authorized by the Taxpayers at the 1975 Town Meeting.

23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purchase of the Nichols property (3 acres) adjacent to the Village Cemetery and Old School House lot for future Town use (\$10,000.00).

24. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to accept ½ acre of land as an addition to the North Chester Cemetery (Gift of Mrs. Lola Preston) (To be known as the William H. Preston Memorial Lot).

25. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 4th day of February in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and seventy-four.

DAVID C. REID
JAMES W. TOWLE, JR.
TIMOTHY J. FEINAUER
Selectmen of Chester

A true copy of warrant attest:

DAVID C. REID
JAMES W. TOWLE, JR.
TIMOTHY J. FEINAUER
Selectmen of Chester

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF CHESTER

Appropriations Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year
January 1, 1974 to December 31, 1974

<u>PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION</u>	<u>Appropriations Previous Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Actual Expenditures Previous Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year 1974</u>
General Government:			
Town Off. Sal.	\$3,200.00	\$3,083.20	\$3,200.00 TC
Town Off. Exp.	5,000.00	6,287.43	6,000.00 TC
Elect & Reg. Exp.	250.00	231.55	700.00 TC
Town Hall & Other			
Town Bldgs.	3,000.00	3,207.94	3,500.00
Protection of Persons & Property:			
Police Dept.	6,500.00	6,932.41	8,000.00
Fire Dept.	6,200.00	6,248.17	6,500.00
Dog Officer	200.00	182.79	650.00
Insurance	4,000.00	2,440.00	3,000.00
Plng. & Zoning	250.00	288.00	250.00
Dam. & Leg. Exp.	2,000.00	137.00	1,500.00 TC
Civil Defense	50.00	34.50	50.00 TC
Health Department:			
Derry Ambulance	500.00	238.62	3,500.00 TC
Vital Statistics	50.00	34.50	50.00 TC
Derry Visiting Nurse	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Town Dump & Gar- bage Removal	1,000.00	1,280.20	1,500.00
Highways & Bridges:			
Town Maintenance*			
Sum. & Winter	14,000.00	26,275.17	15,000.00
Street Lighting	650.00	546.00	600.00 TC
Gen. Exp. of			
Highway Dept.	1,500.00	1,427.48	1,200.00
Town Road Aid	749.48	749.48	738.26

*Includes \$12,253.13 Gas Tax Money

Libraries:	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,200.00 TC
Public Welfare:			
Gtr. Salem Mental			
Health	850.00	850.00	850.00
Town Poor	4,000.00	6,357.45	4,000.00
Old Age Asst.	2,500.00	3,880.97	3,500.00
Patriotic Purposes:			
Memorial Day, etc.	75.00	94.20	175.00 TC
Recreation:		187.00	500.00
Public Service Enter:			
Cemeteries (Except			
Great Hill)	250.00	250.00	1,500.00 TC
Conservation Comm.			50.00
Debt Service:			
Int. on Temp. Loans	450.00	1,121.66	750.00 TC
Capital Outlay:			
Pur. of Land			
(Nichols, 3 A.)			10,000.00
Tax Map	9,000.00	9,000.00	5,000.00
Fire Truck & Derry			
Ambulance	16,000.00	3,000.00	3,062.80
Conservation & Parks			
& Playgrounds	700.00	595.83	
Town Hall, Library			
& Town Off. Exp.	5,000.00	1,662.13	
Disposal Area	5,000.00		
 TOTAL			
APPROPRIATIONS	\$94,924.48	\$88,589.18	\$87,526.06

<u>SOURCES OF REVENUE</u>	<u>Estimated Revenue Previous Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Actual Revenue Previous Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Estimated Revenue Ensuing Fiscal Year 1974</u>
From State:			
Int. & Div. Tax	\$ 5,700.00	\$ 6,934.98	\$ 6,500.00
Sav. Bank Tax	1,500.00	1,664.24	1,500.00
Meals & Rm. Tax	7,500.00	8,624.41	8,000.00
Highway Subsidy	12,000.00	12,253.13	12,151.42
Reimb. A/C Business Profits Tax	3,984.00	3,983.36	3,800.00
Reimb. A/C O.A.A.		201.57	
From Local Sources:			
Dog Licenses	775.00	847.70	850.00
Bus. Licenses, Permits & Filing Fees	450.00	372.00	300.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	21,000.00	25,269.89	22,000.00
Withdrawal Capital Reserve Funds	8,880.00		8,880.00
Nat'l Bank Stk. Taxes	150.00	145.50	75.00
Resident Taxes Ret.	4,200.00	7,771.00	8,000.00
Normal Yield Taxes Assessed	250.00	490.44	400.00
Rent of Twn. Prop.	300.00	346.00	300.00
Reimb. Derry Amb.	500.00	300.00	350.00
Misc., Directories, Lost Checks, etc.		142.91	30.00
Income from Municipal Utilities	30.00	30.14	30.00
Cert. of Deposit Int.	500.00	511.13	500.00
From Federal Sources:			
Revenue Sharing	30,000.00	20,379.00	6,000.00
Interest		770.26	
TOTAL REVENUES FROM ALL SOURCES			
(Except Prop. Taxes)	\$97,719.00	\$91,037.66	\$79,556.42

FINANCIAL REPORT

For the Year Ended December 31, 1973

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Cash:

Revenue Sharing \$ 8,062.80

In hands of treasurer 68,253.33

In hands of officials 50,000.00

Total

\$126,316.13

Unredeemed Taxes:

Levy of 1972 6,175.83

Levy of 1971 3,890.10

10,065.93

Uncollected Taxes:

Levy of 1973, Including

Resident Taxes 45,359.36

Levy of 1972 40.00

45,399.36

Total Assets

\$181,781.42

Current Deficit (Excess of
liabilities over assets)

16,497.72

Grand Total

\$198,279.14

LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by the Town:

Due to State: Taxes (Coll.) \$ 86.22

School District Taxes Payable 198,192.92

Total Accounts

Owed by the Town

\$198,279.14

Total Liabilities

\$198,279.14

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

For the Year Ended December 31, 1973

RECEIPTS

Current Revenue:

From Local Taxes:

Tax Coll. Petty Cash	\$	5.20
Property Taxes - 1973		340,586.45
Resident Taxes - 1973		7,771.00
Nat'l Bank Stock Taxes		145.50
Yield Taxes - 1973		490.44
Total Current Year's Taxes		
Collected and Remitted		\$348,998.00
Interest received on Delinquent		
Taxes plus Costs		1,773.00
Tax sales redeemed		3,127.00

From State:

Highway Subsidy	12,253.00
Interest & dividends Tax	6,934.00
Savings Bank Tax	1,664.00
Reimb. A/C Old Age Asst.	201.00
Meals & rooms Tax	8,624.00
Reimb. A/C Business Profits Tax	3,983.00

From Local Sources, Except Taxes:

Dog Licenses	847.00
Business Licenses, Permits & Filing Fees	372.00
Dividends	30.00
Rent of Town Property	346.00
Interest received on Deposits	511.00
Income from departments, misc.	137.00
Motor vehicle Permits	<u>25,269.00</u>

Total Current Revenue Receipts	\$415,076.00
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Receipts Other than Current Revenue:	
Proceeds of Tax Anticipation Notes	74,407.36
Refunds-250th Anniv. Acct.	2,644.66
Withdrawals from Capital	
Reserve Funds - Fire Truck	8,880.00
Grants from U.S.A. - Revenue	
Sharing	36,021.26
Derry Ambulance	<u>300.00</u>
Total Receipts Other than Current Revenue	\$122,253.28
Total Receipts from All Sources	537,329.43
Cash on hand January 1, 1973	<u>135,394.58</u>
Grand Total	\$672,724.01

PAYMENTS

Current Maintenance Expenses:

General Government:

Town officers' salaries	\$ 3,083.20
Town officers' expenses	6,318.65
Election & reg. expenses	231.55
Expenses town hall & other	
town buildings	3,107.94

Protection of Persons & Property:

Police department	6,958.11
Fire dept., inc. forest fires	6,042.17
Damage by dogs	182.79
Insurance	2,440.00
Conservation Commission	200.00

Health:

Derry Visiting Nurse	1,000.00
Health dept. & ambulance	3,238.62
Vital statistics	34.50
Sewer maintenance	850.00
Town dumps & garbage removal	1,280.20

Highways and Bridges:

Town Road Aid	749.48
Town Maintenance	
Summer	\$20,021.81
Winter	<u>6,603.01</u>
Street lighting	546.60
Gen. Exp. of Highway Dept.	1,482.48

Libraries:	2,000.00	
Public Welfare:		
Old Age Assistance	3,880.97	
Town Poor	6,357.45	
Patriotic Purposes:		
Mem. Day, Vet. Assoc. &		
Old Home Day	94.20	
Recreation:		
Parks & playgrounds	582.83	
Public Service Enterprises:		
Cemeteries, except Great Hill	250.00	
Unclassified:		
Damages & legal expenses	137.00	
Advertising & regional assoc.	73.50	
Taxes bought by town	7,429.44	
Discounts, abatements & refunds	644.71	
Payments to trustees of trust		
funds - Fire truck	<u>8,880.00</u>	
Total Current Maintenance Expenses		\$ 17,027.65
Debt Service:		
Paid on tax anticipation notes	1,121.66	
Total Interest Payments		1,121.66
Principal of Debt:		
Payments on tax anticipation notes	75,000.00	
Total Principal Payments		75,000.00
Capital Outlay:		
Water Works construction, purchase		
CD Note	14,872.00	
Payments on capital reserve funds		
250th anniv. acct.	2,644.66	
Tax Maps	<u>9,000.00</u>	
Total Outlay Payments		26,516.66

Payments to Other

Governmental Divisions:

Resident Taxes Paid State

Treasurer \$ 876.15

Taxes paid to County 20,333.79

Payments to Internal Revenue 13,627.00

Payments to School Districts

1972 Tax \$176,843.41

1973 Tax 137,000.00

313,843.41

Total Payments to Other Governmental Divisions \$348,680.35

Total Payments for all Purposes 546,407.88

Cash on hand December 31, 1973 126,316.13

GRAND TOTAL \$672,724.01

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall, lands & buildings: \$100,000.00

Furniture & equipment 5,000.00

Libraries, lands & buildings:

Furniture & equipment 2,500.00

Police department, lands & buildings:

Equipment 1,000.00

Fire department, lands & buildings:

Equipment 25,000.00

Equipment 90,000.00

Highway department, lands & buildings

Equipment 5,000.00

Equipment 12,000.00

Parks, commons & playgrounds

3,000.00

Schools, lands & buildings

1,000,000.00

Disposal area (40 acres)

1,800.00

Edwards Mill Pond and associated acres

involved in the water rights (7 acres) 1,000.00

Various properties - location unknown - deeded

to town (locations will not be known until

completion of tax map), approx. 200 acres 9,000.00

Total \$1,255,300.00

BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

We reviewed in detail the figures for the proposed town and school committee budgets and feel these expenses were kept to a minimum in an attempt to keep the sharp rise in the cost of living from affecting us all more than it has.

Any additional requests for funds at the respective meetings should be examined very carefully. While the 1974 tax rate cannot be computed at this time, the fact that both budgets have increased somewhat while town income from State and Federal sources will be reduced, indicates that 1974 taxes will be higher than those of 1973.

Therefore, the value to the town of any additional expenses or services should be considered against still further increases in the tax rate.

PHILIP B. HOLMES, JR.
Chairman

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

April 1, 1973

Land	\$1,358,050.00
Buildings	9,348,014.00
House Trailers/Mobile Homes	233,804.00
Public Utilities	<u>619,333.00</u>
Total Valuation before Exemptions	\$11,559,201.00

Exemptions:

Elderly	14	\$50,400.00
Blind	1 @ 1,000.00	1,000.00
Totally Disabled	3	<u>1,239.56</u>

Allowed Exemptions	\$52,639.56
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Net Valuation — \$11,507,561.44

APPROPRIATIONS

List of 1973 Appropriations as taken from the official record
of the Annual Town Meeting held on March 6, 1973

ARTICLE 7 – TOWN CHARGES

Town Officers' Salaries	TC \$3,200.00
Town Officers' Expenses	5,000.00
Election and Registration Expenses	250.00
Civil Defense	50.00
Care of Trees (Blister Rust)	100.00
Health Department	500.00
Vital Statistics	50.00
Street Lighting	650.00
Libraries	1,000.00
Memorial Day	75.00
Cemeteries (Except Great Hill)	250.00
Interest on Temporary Loans	450.00

ARTICLE 8 – HIGHWAYS

Summer Maintenance	\$7,000.00
Winter Maintenance	7,000.00

ARTICLE 9

General Expenses of the Highway Department	\$1,500.00
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ARTICLE 10 – CLASS V ROADS

Town Share	\$749.48
State Share	4,996.50

ARTICLE 11

Stevens Memorial Hall and other Town Buildings	\$3,000.00
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ARTICLE 12

Town Poor	4,000.00
Old Age Assistance	2,500.00

ARTICLE 13

Derry Visiting Nurse Association	1,000.00
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ARTICLE 14

Greater Salem Mental Health Association	\$850.00
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ARTICLE 15

Fire Department	\$6,200.00
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ARTICLE 16

Police Department	\$6,500.00
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ARTICLE 18

Disposal Area	\$1,000.00
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ARTICLE 19

Insurance	\$4,000.00
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ARTICLE 20

Legal Expenses	\$2,000.00
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ARTICLE 21

Planning and Zoning	\$250.00
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ARTICLE 22

Dog Officer	\$200.00
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REVENUE SHARING

ARTICLE 27

Derry Fire Department Ambulance Service	\$3,000.00
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ARTICLE 28

Tax Map	\$9,000.00
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ARTICLE 29

Library	\$1,000.00
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ARTICLE 30

Office Equipment	\$1,000.00
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ARTICLE 31

Parks and Playgrounds	\$500.00
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ARTICLE 32

Conservation Committee	\$200.00
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ARTICLE 33

Fire Truck	\$13,000.00
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ARTICLE 34

Dismissed	
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ARTICLE 35

Town Hall Improvements	\$3,000.00
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ARTICLE 36

Disposal Area	\$6,000.00
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TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

For the Year Ending December 31, 1973

RECEIVED:

1972 Auto Permits Issued	\$ 806.03
1973 Auto Permits Issued	24,018.78
1974 Auto Permits Issued	<u>445.08</u>

Total Auto Permits Paid to Town Treasurer	\$25,269.89
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RECEIVED FOR:

Male Dog Licenses	\$ 327.00
Female Dog Licenses	192.50
Spayed Female Dog Licenses	205.00
Kennel Dog Licenses	163.00
Fees Collected After June 1, 1973	<u>24.00</u>

TOTAL RECEIVED	\$ 911.50
Less Town Clerk's Fees	<u>63.80</u>

Total Dog Licenses Paid to Town Treasurer	\$ 847.70
Paid to Town Treasurer for Filing Fees	<u>9.00</u>
Total Paid to the Town Treasurer for 1973	\$26,126.59

TREASURER'S REPORT

For the Year Ending December 31, 1973

RECEIPTS:

Tax Collector:

Resident Tax 1972	\$ 1,801.00
Resident Tax 1973	5,970.00
Property Tax	340,586.45
Yield Tax	490.44
Resident Tax Interest	213.00
Property Tax Interest	1,275.27
Tax Sales Redeemed	3,127.63
Costs	285.40
National Bank Stock	145.50
Petty Cash	5.20

\$353,899.89

Town Clerk:

Auto Permits	\$ 25,269.89
Dog Licenses	847.70
Filing Fees	9.00

\$ 26,126.59

State of New Hampshire:

Gasoline Tax	\$ 12,253.13
Business Profits Tax	3,983.36
Savings Bank Tax	1,664.24
Interest & Dividends Tax	6,934.98
Room & Meals Tax	8,624.41
Reimbursement — OAA	201.57

\$ 33,661.69

Miscellaneous:

Town Hall Rental	\$ 346.00
Building Permits	255.00
Vellums	20.00
Variances	50.00
Derry Ambulance Svs. Ret.	300.00
Pistol Permits	38.00
Dividends	30.14

Cemetery Information	2.00	
Adjustment	.05	
Rewritten Lost Check	88.20	
Information Books	<u>47.46</u>	
		\$ 1,176.85
Federal Revenue Sharing		14,331.46
Tax Anticipation Notes	75,000.00	
Prepaid Interest Expenses	<u>(592.64)</u>	
		74,407.36
Certificate of Deposit	75,000.00	
Interest Earned	<u>511.13</u>	
		75,511.13
Total Receipts from all Sources		\$579,114.97
Balance from 1972 Account		<u>60,394.58</u>
	Sub-total	\$639,509.55
Less Selectmen's Orders		<u>(571,256.22)</u>
Cash Balance December 31, 1973		\$ 68,253.33

LINDSEY F. RICE,
Treasurer

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

SUMMARY OF WARRANTS PROPERTY, RESIDENT AND YIELD TAXES LEVY OF 1973

— DR. —

Taxes Committed to Collector:

Property Taxes	\$352,052.94
Resident Taxes	8,000.00
National Bank Stock Taxes	<u>145.50</u>

Total Warrants	\$360,198.44
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Yield Taxes	517.32
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Added Taxes:

Property Taxes	\$
Resident Taxes	<u>120.00</u>

120.00

Overpayments During Year:

a/c Property Taxes	\$ 200.00
a/c Resident Taxes	<u> </u>

200.00

Interest Collected — Yield Taxes	1.95
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Interest Collected — Delinquent Property Taxes	58.04
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Penalties Collected — Resident Taxes	<u>32.00</u>
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TOTAL DEBITS	\$361,127.75
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— CR. —

Remittances to Treasurer:

Property Taxes	\$307,392.68
Resident Taxes	5,970.00
National Bank Stock Taxes	145.50
Yield Taxes	490.44
Interest Collected	59.99
Penalties on Resident Taxes	<u>32.00</u>

\$314,090.61

Discounts Allowed	1,342.01
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Abatements Made During Year:

Property Taxes	\$ 325.77
Resident Taxes	<u>10.00</u>

\$ 335.77

Uncollected Taxes — December 31, 1973:

(As Per Collector's List)

Property Taxes	\$ 43,192.48
Resident Taxes	2,140.00
Yield Taxes	<u>26.88</u>

45,359.36

TOTAL CREDITS

\$361,127.75

**SUMMARY OF WARRANTS
PROPERTY, RESIDENT AND YIELD TAXES
LEVY OF 1972**

— DR. —

Uncollected Taxes - As of Jan. 1, 1973:

Property Taxes	\$ 33,210.56
Resident Taxes	1,950.00
Yield Taxes	<u> </u>

\$ 35,160.56

Added Taxes:

Property Taxes	\$
Resident Taxes	<u>250.00</u>

250.00

Overpayments:

a/c Property Taxes	
a/c Resident Taxes	<u> </u>

Cost + Interest Collected on

Delinquent Property Taxes	\$ 1,492.88
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Penalties Collected on Resident
Taxes

181.00

\$ 1,673.88

TOTAL DEBITS

\$ 37,084.44

— CR. —

Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year Ended Dec. 31, 1973:		
Property Taxes	\$ 33,192.88	
Resident Taxes	1,800.00	
Cost + Interest Collected During Year	1,492.88	
Penalties on Resident Taxes	<u>181.00</u>	
		\$ 36,666.76
Discount Allowed		8.64
Abatements Made During Year:		
Property Taxes	\$ 9.04	
Resident Taxes	360.00	
Yield Taxes	<u></u>	
		369.04
Uncollected Taxes — Dec. 31, 1973: (As Per Collector's List)		
Property Taxes	\$	
Resident Taxes	<u>40.00</u>	
		<u>40.00</u>
TOTAL CREDITS		\$ 37,084.44

**SUMMARY OF WARRANTS
PROPERTY, RESIDENT AND YIELD TAXES
LEVY OF 1971**

— DR. —

Uncollected Taxes — As of Jan. 1, 1973:		
Property Taxes		
Resident Taxes		
Yield Taxes		
Cash on Hand	\$	9.69
Added Taxes:		
Property Taxes		
Resident Taxes		
Overpayments:		
a/c Property Taxes		
a/c Resident Taxes		
Interest Collected on Delinquent Property Taxes		

Penalties Collected on Resident
Taxes

TOTAL DEBITS \$ 9.69

— CR. —

Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal
Year Ended Dec. 31, 1973:

Property Taxes \$.89

Resident Taxes

Yield Taxes

Interest Collected During Year 7.80

Penalties on Resident Taxes 1.00

Abatements Made During Year:

Property Taxes

Resident Taxes

Yield Taxes

Uncollected Taxes — Dec. 31, 1973:

(As Per Collector's List)

Property Taxes

Resident Taxes

TOTAL CREDITS \$ 9.69

UNREDEEMED TAXES FROM TAX SALES

December 31, 1973

	1972	Levies of: 1971
Bagley, James J. & Ruth M.	\$ 321.05	\$ 185.16
Boghosian, Jos. Heirs	459.16	
Britton, Truman S.	300.53	
Carkin, Donald		5.51
Castadore, Edward A.	12.42	12.40
Chandler, Mable F. Heirs	181.82	
Daykin, Betty G. & David	276.97	277.54
Fraser, Winona	385.39	
Gates, Donald H.	327.02	326.14
Goodstein, Harry & Millicent	23.15	23.10
Jones, William D. Heirs		245.19
Lambert, John Jr. & Gloria J.	979.09	1,050.97
Leighton, Wayne & Greta	264.18	243.48
Metivier, Urban & Beatrice	351.68	
Noyes, George & Linda	360.07	
O'Brien, Edward P.		543.80
Palino, Philip & Anne		12.41
Perkins, Robert & Jean	784.75	
Rowell, Clifton Harold & Fred Winston	17.08	
Russell, Frederick & Carol	153.23	
Schilling, Elsie S. & Falko M. & A.		150.41
Simano, Jennie	670.10	320.39
Stookey, Wm. & Colleen	133.22	
Sullivan, Leo & Edith	146.01	
Toulle, Edward	28.91	
Whitcher, Minetta		493.60
TOTAL	\$6,175.83	\$3,890.10

I hereby certify that the above list showing the name and amount due from each delinquent taxpayer, as of December 31, 1973, on account of the tax levy of 1972 and 1971, is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

NANCY J. WARE,
Tax Collector

SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS **Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1973**

— DR. —

TAX SALE ON ACCOUNT OF LEVIES OF:			
	1972	1971	1970
			Prev. Years
(a) Balance of Unredeemed Taxes of Jan. 1, 1973	\$	\$5,203.08	\$ 329.90
(b) Taxes Sold to Town During Current Fiscal Year	7,429.44		
Interest C	40.73	111.81	65.25
Overpayment After Sale	13.36		

TOTAL DEBITS

\$7,483.53 \$5,314.89 \$ 395.15

— CR. —

Remittances to Treasurer During Year:

Redemptions	\$1,266.97	\$1,312.98	\$ 329.90
Interest & Costs After Sale	40.73	111.81	65.25
Abatements During Year			
Deeded to Town During Year			
Unredeemed Taxes — Dec. 31, 1973	6,175.83	3,890.10	

TOTAL CREDITS

\$7,483.53 \$5,314.89 \$ 395.15

(a) "Balance of Unredeemed Taxes — January 1, 1973".

Should include balances of Unredeemed Taxes, as of beginning of fiscal year — January 1, 1973, from Tax Sales of previous years.

(b) "Taxes Sold to Town During Current Fiscal Year".

Tax Sale held during fiscal year ending December 31, 1973, should include total amount of taxes, interest and costs to date of sale.

NOTE: TOTAL DEBITS and TOTAL CREDITS should agree.

DR. JAMES BROWN SCHOOL FUND

Balance on hand January 1973

Savings Share Account	\$ 301.56
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Savings Certificate	6,000.00
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TOTAL

\$6,301.56

Dividends earned for Year 12.00

Interest earned for Year	372.14
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Less check to School District Treasurer
(333.54)

Balance at end of Year

Savings Share Account	\$ 352.16
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Savings Certificate	6,000.00
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BALANCE

\$6,352.16

LINDSEY F. RICE,
Treasurer

AUDITOR'S REPORT

This is to certify that we have examined the books and accounts of the Selectmen, Town Treasurer, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Trustees of the Trust Funds, Trustees of the Brown Fund, Trustees of the Library, Trustees of the Wilcomb-Townsend Fund, and Trustees of the Great Hill Cemetery and find them to be correct and properly vouched.

We have also examined the Federal Revenue Sharing books of the Selectmen and find them to be correct and properly vouched. A complete Audit Report is on file in the Selectmen's office.

WALTER W. KRAUSHAAR
CHARLES H. FREDERICK
JOHN J. STARVISH, JR.
Auditors

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES – TC

Appropriated \$3,200.00

Charles Fredericks, Auditor	\$	46.60	
Walter Kraushaar, Auditor		46.60	
David C. Reid, Selectman		700.00	
James W. Towle, Jr., Selectman		600.00	
Timothy J. Feinauer, Selectman		600.00	
Lindsey Rice, Treasurer		100.00	
Nancy Ware, Tax Collector		900.00	
John West, Moderator		15.00	
Ruth M. Richardson, Town Clerk		75.00	
TOTAL			\$ 3,083.20

TOWN OFFICERS' EXPENSES – TC

Appropriated \$5,000.00

Granite State Telephone	\$	100.31	
Brown & Saltmarsh, Supplies		73.00	
Wheeler & Clark, dog tags, license book, etc.		49.29	
N.H. Municipal Assoc., Dues		114.91	
Goodman's Book Store		7.55	
Nancy Ware, Tax Coll., Resident Tax Fees		444.60	
Windham Printing, Town Reports		842.40	
Edith Holland, Register of Deeds		70.40	
Susan Brander, Clerical Duties		506.16	
Susan Brander, Postage		4.29	
Postmaster Chester, Stamps		92.00	
Chester School Band, Delivery of Town Reports		62.25	
Hampstead Press, Tax Coll. Supplies		39.90	
Curtis Insurance, Town Officers' Bonds		423.00	
A. E. Martel, Town Checks		72.95	
John Starvish, Auditor		20.00	
H. Earle Grant, Treas. of Trust Funds, Salary and Travel		74.50	
N.H. Tax Collector's Assoc., Dues		10.00	
Advance Reproductions Inc., Info. Directory		300.00	

Office Machines of N.H., Off. Equipment	210.92	RS
Midstate Office Equipment, Off. Equipment	451.21	RS
Bensons, Supplies	31.25	
Indianhead Bank, Box Rental	5.00	
David C. Reid, Mowing Ballfield	4.40	
David C. Reid, Stamps	16.00	
David C. Reid, Envelopes	44.00	
Ruth Richardson, Town Clerk's Convention	101.80	
Nancy Ware, Tax Collector's Convention	84.90	
Branham Publishing Co., Reference Books	11.60	
Timothy Feinauer, Selectman's Expenses	100.00	
David C. Reid, Selectman's Expenses	150.00	
State of N.H., Boat Forms	2.08	
N.H. Assessors Assn., Dues	10.00	
James W. Towle, Jr., Selectman's Expenses	100.00	
Clifton Holman, Health Officer	20.72	
Virginia Towle, Ledger Accounting	25.00	
Ruth Richardson, Town Clerk's Fees	1,641.90	
TOTAL	\$ 6,318.65	

ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATIONS – TC
Appropriated \$250.00

Evelyn Noyes, Ballot Clerk	\$ 11.00	
Dorah Smith, Ballot Clerk	11.00	
Barbara Rice, Ballot Clerk	11.00	
Ruth Rae, Ballot Clerk	11.00	
Alfred Delorey, Supervisor of Check List	13.00	
Ernest Edwards, Supervisor of Check List and Supplies	21.05	
Maurice Colman, Supervisor of Check List	13.00	
Windham Printing, Ballots	80.00	
Lois Lee Hall (Young Matron's Club)	49.50	
Clifton Holman, Police	11.00	
TOTAL	\$ 231.55	

STEVENS MEMORIAL HALL AND OTHER BUILDINGS
Appropriated \$3,000.00

Elmer Dearborn, Hall Custodian	\$ 1,200.00
Benson's, Supplies	156.10

Public Service Co.	245.61	
Suburban Propane	64.33	
Chet Kazimienski, Water Pump Repairs	60.00	
John R. Pepper, Electrical Work	46.00	
Granite State Telephone	155.09	
Craftsman Inc., Crash Bars	304.95	
Roland Nichols, Repairs	57.70	
Arthur Sharpe, Coal	734.16	
James W. Towle, Sr., Pine Slabs	10.00	
Moody & Morin, Install Door Hardware	139.00	
Spolletts Store, Supplies	9.00	
Alan Renaud, Winding Town Clock	26.00	
TOTAL		\$ 3,207.94

POLICE DEPARTMENT
Appropriated \$6,500.00

Scientific Detection Devices	\$ 196.85	
Polaroid Corp., ID Verifier	6.00	
Ben's Inc., Badges and Name Tags	12.00	
Joseph Vaal, Police Badge	6.00	
Manchester Oxygen, Tank Refill	7.50	
Equity Publishing, Lawbooks	18.00	
Granite State Telephone	361.43	
Wm. Brander III, Chief, Labor and Mileage	3,566.75	
Wm. P. Brander, Officer, Labor and Mileage	601.83	
Lindsey Rice, Officer, Labor and Mileage	1,480.89	
Wayne Gates, Officer, Labor and Mileage	475.91	
Fred Follmer Officer, Labor and Mileage	134.95	
Susan Brander, Matron, Labor	90.00	
TOTAL		\$ 6,958.11

DOG OFFICER
Appropriated \$200.00

Wm. Brander, III	\$ 177.09	
Lindsey Rice	5.70	
TOTAL		\$ 182.79

FIRE DEPARTMENT
(INC. BRUSH & FOREST FIRES)
Appropriated \$6,200.00

Public Service Co.	\$ 196.11	
Conway Associates, Hose and Scott		
Air Packs	1,890.15	
Treas. State of N.H., Back Pumps	29.96	
Howe Fire Apparatus, Equipment	896.57	
Ashmont Electronics, Radios	791.50	
Lewis E. Paige, Supplies	21.36	
National Fire Protection Ass., Dues	35.00	
Blanchard Ass., Hand Lights	55.64	
Joseph Griffin, Sec, Dues	105.00	
Raymond Dolloff, Chief, Training Expenses	60.00	
International Harvester Co., Parts	6.92	
Magnuson Motor Service, Parts	9.15	
Gilbert Welding, Services	475.47	
Granite State Telephone	862.67	
Gannon Oil	308.02	
Auto Electric	105.87	
Bentons	36.52	
Curtis Insurance	72.00	
J. R. Pepper, Floodlights	7.92	
Derry Auto Parts	32.33	
Evans Gulf, Inspections	44.00	
TOTAL		\$ 6,042.17

INSURANCE
Appropriated \$4,000.00

Peerless Insurance	\$ 426.00
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Curtis Insurance	1,013.00	
Liberty Mutual	<u>1,001.00</u>	
TOTAL		\$ 2,440.00

HEALTH DEPARTMENT – TC
Appropriated \$500.00

Clifton D. Holman, Health Officer		\$ 238.62
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DERRY VISITING NURSE’S ASS.
Appropriated \$1,000.00

Derry Visiting Nurse’s Ass.		\$ 1,000.00
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GREATER SALEM MENTAL HEALTH
Appropriated \$850.00

Greater Salem Mental Health		\$ 850.00
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DERRY FIRE DEPT. AMBULANCE
Appropriated \$3,000.00 RS

Derry Fire Department Ambulance		\$ 3,000.00 RS
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VITAL STATISTICS – TC
Appropriated \$50.00

Ruth M. Richardson, Town Clerk		\$ 34.50
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DISPOSAL AREA
Appropriated \$1,000.00

Elmer Dearborn, Custodian	\$ 526.75	
Dolloff Excavating	385.00	
Ken Williamson, Custodian	318.45	
Wayne Towle, Clearing Brush	<u>50.00</u>	
TOTAL		\$ 1,280.20

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

SUMMER

Appropriated \$7,000.00

Stanley Johnson, Tractor and Mower	\$ 215.50
Judith Aeed, Gravel (replaces 1972 lost check)	88.20
R. C. Hazelton, Culverts	1,667.65
Ralph Drowne, Sand	33.60
Richard Noyes, Gravel	206.40
Ralph Seavey, Backhoe and Dozer	4,846.65
John Tomliarello, Steel	92.40
Muriel Church, Gravel	1,314.25
Chet Towle, Bulldozer	55.00
Frank Howard, Trucking	981.85
J. W. Towle, Sr., Chainsaw & Labor	22.75
Clarence Ware, Truck & Labor	2,344.67
Lesley George, Jr., Backhoe & Trucking	2,225.40
N.H. Bituminous, Asphalt	2,595.61
Albert C. Warren, Grader & Roller	1,932.47
Bert Warren, Gasoline	1.24
Wayne Towle, Labor	86.37
Fred Russell, Truck & Loader	297.40
Clarence Owen, Truck, Labor & Loader	864.50
Allied Chemical, Cold Patch	144.90
Jessie Alexander, Loader	5.00

TOTAL

\$ 20,021.81*

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

WINTER

Appropriated \$7,000.00

Bert Warren, Gasoline	\$ 1.80
Albert Warren, Grading & Snowplow	1,132.65
Fred Russell, Truck & Loader	133.00
Ralph Drowne, Sand	30.75
J. W. Towle, Sr., Labor	15.00
R. C. Hazelton, Culverts	652.65
Robert Healey, Tractor & Labor	78.00
Granite State Minerals, Salt	891.97

Derry Auto Parts	4.64
Manchester Sand & Gravel	10.50
Lesley George, Jr., Backhoe & Loader	304.40
Wayne Richardson, Labor	18.00
J. W. Towle, Jr., Snowplowing	337.25
Wayne Towle, Labor & Truck	257.25
Clarence Owen, Labor, Truck & Loader	1,046.80
Kevin Scott, Plowing	36.95
Fred McInnis, Plowing	30.80
Jessie Alexander, Loader	7.50
Muriel Church, Gravel	135.75
Clarence Ware, Truck & Labor	1,413.35
Frank Howard, Trucking	64.00

TOTAL	\$ 6,603.01*
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***HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

Total Appropriations, Winter & Summer	\$ 14,000.00
Gasoline Tax Refund	12,253.13
Total Expenditures	<u>26,624.82</u>

DEFICIT	\$ 371.69
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MEMORIAL DAY – TC

Appropriated \$75.00

Forsaith-Drowne Post No. 108	\$ 94.20
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RECREATION—PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS

Appropriated \$500.00

Jessica Hale, Mowing Ballfield	\$ 147.50
David C. Reid, Mowing Ballfield	105.00
Edward Tebo, Mowing Lawns	57.00
Lewis E. Paige, Inc., Fencing & Posts	181.73
Essex Bituminous, Stone Dust	<u>91.60</u>

TOTAL	\$ 582.83
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TC	<u>187.00</u>
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RS	\$ 395.83
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CEMETERIES (EXCEPT GREAT HILL)

Appropriated \$250.00

Walton E. Leighton, Care of Cemetery	\$	250.00
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DAMAGES & LEGAL EXPENSES

Appropriated \$2,000.00

Soule & Leslie, Attorneys	\$	137.00
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TAXES BOUGHT BY TOWN

No Appropriation

Nancy Ware, Tax Collector	\$	7,429.44
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ADVERTISING

Derry News	\$	73.50 RS
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ABATEMENTS & REFUNDS

No Appropriation

James McLean, Abatement	\$	15.52
Kevin Scott, Tax Sale Refund		13.39
Robert Hazelton, Refund on Resident Tax		20.00
Richard Fiske, Veterans Abatement		50.00
David Dwyer, Veterans Abatement		50.00
Donald Brooks, Veterans Abatement		50.00
Joseph Jones, Veterans Abatement		50.00
Kevin Scott, Veterans Abatement		50.00
Alvah Healey, Tax Exemption		4.29
Fred Hurd, Elderly Exemption		114.48
Walter Frazer, Tax Abatement		27.03
Albert Melvin, Selectmens' Abatement		200.00

TOTAL	\$	644.71
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TAX MAP

Appropriated \$9,000.00 RS

James W. Sewall & Co., Tax Map	\$	9,000.00 RS
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INTEREST ON TEMPORARY LOANS – TC
Appropriated \$450.00

Indianhead National Bank, Derry	\$ 1,121.66
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TEMPORARY LOANS

Indianhead National Bank, Derry	\$ 75,000.00
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STREET LIGHTING – TC
Appropriated \$650.00

Public Service Co.	\$ 546.60
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COUNTY TAX
No Appropriation

Winston H. Lothrop, City Treasurer	\$ 20,333.79
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CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
Appropriated \$200.00

Conservation Committee	\$ 200.00
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PLANNING & ZONING
Appropriated \$250.00

Derry News	\$ 147.00	
Advance Reproductions—Building Permit Forms	141.00	
TOTAL		\$ 288.00

PAYMENT TO STATE OF N.H.
No Appropriation

Treasurer, State of N.H., Resident Taxes	\$ 876.15
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SCHOOL MONEY

J. W. Towle, Jr., Treasurer

Jan. 1 - June 30, 1973

\$176,843.41

July 1 - Dec. 31, 1973

137,000.00

TOTAL

\$313,843.41

REVENUE SHARING

Conservation Committee \$ 200.00

Office Machines of N.H., Filing Cabinets 210.92

Midstate Office Equipment, Typewriters 451.21

James W. Sewall & Co., Tax Map 9,000.00

Recreation, Parks & Playgrounds, Mowing &

Maintenance Ballfield:

Jessica Hale, Mowing 122.50

Lewis E. Paige, Fencing & Posts 181.73

Essex Bituminous, Stone Dust 91.60

Derry News, Publishing 73.50

Library 1,000.00

Derry Fire Department Ambulance Service 3,000.00

TOTAL

\$ 14,331.46

VILLAGE CEMETERY TRUSTEES

This was a busy, somewhat productive and at times a most frustrating year for the Trustees. Above the average rainfall in the spring and summer, plus a shortage of manpower when the sun did shine, precluded as much mowing and maintenance as we had hoped to perform. We did, however, maintain the 4 cemeteries under our jurisdiction (Village Cemetery, Chester Center, Sanborn Cemetery on Fremont Rd., Branch Brook Cemetery on Raymond Rd. and the North Chester Cemetery on Smith Rd.) in a neat and dignified manner, with emphasis on having all cemeteries looking their best for Memorial Day and Veterans Day. Maps were made showing the location of family plots in each cemetery.

During the year there were 6 internments in the Village Cemetery and 1 internment in the North Chester Cemetery.

Plans for 1974 include the establishment of a card locator file for each cemetery, planning for the best utilization of a gift of ½ acre of land abutting the North Chester Cemetery and an effort to encourage owners of family plots to establish perpetual care trust funds to assure that their plots will be cared for in years to come.

BERT WARREN, Chairman
STANTON LEIGHTON
RICHARDSON D. BENTON, Clerk
Village Cemetery Trustees

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS

Date of Creation	Name of Trust Fund (Purpose - Cemetery)	How Invested	INCOME			Balance End Year
			Balance Beginning Year	Amount	Expended During Year	
5/25/18	Albert Knipper	A.S.B.	\$ 100.00	\$ 6.22	\$ 6.22	
4/15/19	Joseph Knowles	A.S.B.	100.00	6.22	6.22	
4/15/19	Robert & Rebecca Knowles	A.S.B.	100.00	6.22	6.22	
1/30/20	Elizabeth I. Kent	A.S.B.	100.00	6.23	6.23	
5/27/22	John S. Emery	A.S.B.	100.00	6.23	6.23	
9/20/22	George Wells	A.S.B.	100.00	6.23	6.23	
10/3/22	Amos Green	A.S.B.	100.00	6.23	6.23	
11/30/23	Moses Pingree	A.S.B.	100.00	6.23	6.23	
1/31/24	Daniel Bell	A.S.B.	100.00	6.23	6.23	
3/31/23	Silas F. Learnard	A.S.B.	100.00	6.23	6.23	
6/29/18	Sarah V. Lane	M.S.B.	200.00	9.73	9.73	
4/15/19	John West	M.S.B.	50.00	2.43	2.43	
1/31/20	John W. West (2nd fund)	M.S.B.	50.00	2.43	2.43	
4/30/21	Page Reed Smith	M.S.B.	80.00	3.89	3.89	
4/30/21	Sally Loving Sleeper	M.S.B.	40.00	1.94	1.94	
6/28/21	Joseph Dane	M.S.B.	50.00	2.43	2.43	
11/26/21	Mary E. Bean	M.S.B.	50.00	2.44	2.44	
10/3/22	Charles E. Green	M.S.B.	100.00	4.86	4.86	
5/3/23	Samuel S. Warren	M.S.B.	50.00	2.44	2.44	
11/20/23	Mark Sanborn	M.S.B.	50.00	2.44	2.44	
12/22/23	Herbert W. Robie	M.S.B.	50.00	2.44	2.44	

3/15/06	William W. White	M.F.S.&L.	75.00	4.67	4.67
12/24/08	Edmund Sleeper	M.F.S.&L.	45.00	2.80	2.80
8/23/10	Sarah A. True	M.F.S.&L.	75.00	4.67	4.67
8/23/10	Henry Moore	M.F.S.&L.	60.00	3.73	3.73
7/7/11	Samuel S. Parker	M.F.S.&L.	40.00	2.49	2.49
2/16/16	Charles Stevens	M.F.S.&L.	60.00	3.73	3.73
8/25/17	Oren F. Page	M.F.S.&L.	40.00	2.49	2.49
11/1/17	David Lane	M.F.S.&L.	70.00	4.35	4.35
6/5/28	Amos Hazelton	M.F.S.&L.	75.00	4.67	4.67
4/6/28	George Herman Jack	M.F.S.&L.	60.00	3.73	3.73
6/5/25	Ephraim Orcutt	M.F.S.&L.	50.00	3.11	3.11
1/2/29	August P. Morse	M.F.S.&L.	50.00	3.11	3.11
12/31/29	Charles F. True	M.F.S.&L.	50.00	3.11	3.11
1/5/31	French-Heath	M.F.S.&L.	50.00	3.11	3.11
1/1/29	Mary E. Merrill	M.F.S.&L.	25.00	1.57	1.57
7/1/31	Hannah M. Sawyer	M.F.S.&L.	50.00	3.11	3.11
10/13/31	James DeLeskey q	M.F.S.&L.	75.00	4.67	4.67
5/26/31	W. F. Warren	M.F.S.&L.	50.00	3.11	3.11
6/17/09	Hannah M. William	M.F.S.&L.	50.00	3.11	3.11
6/3/12	Lot Knowles	M.F.S.&L.	50.00	3.11	3.11
11/25/16	Charles H. Knowles	M.F.S.&L.	50.00	3.11	3.11
9/29/17	Hills Stevens	M.F.S.&L.	50.00	3.11	3.11
6/30/18	Caroline M. Hall	M.F.S.&L.	50.00	3.11	3.11
3/26/19	Parker Morse	M.F.S.&L.	50.00	3.11	3.11
3/26/19	George Marden	M.F.S.&L.	50.00	3.11	3.11
10/1/24	James W. Gordon	M.F.S.&L.	50.00	3.11	3.11

10/28/24	James H. Hardy	MFS&L	50.00	3.11	3.11
9/25/25	George S. West	MFS&L	50.00	3.11	3.11
12/23/08	Luther W. Hall	ASB	100.00	6.44	6.44
10/3/11	Charles A. Dearborn	ASB	100.00	6.44	6.44
10/11/11	Rev. Charles Tenney	ASB	100.00	6.44	6.44
8/30/16	John Hazelton	ASB	100.00	6.44	6.44
3/20/25	Lydia J. Ramsey	ASB	100.00	6.44	6.44
10/5/26	Helen E. Soule	ASB	100.00	6.44	6.44
6/5/28	James & J. Albert Hook	ASB	100.00	6.44	6.44
5/30/30	Arthur I. Morse &				
	Harry Roberts	ASB	100.00	6.44	6.44
8/3/32	Cyrus F. Marston	ASB	100.00	6.44	6.44
10/9/33	Josie Gerah	ASB	100.00	6.44	6.44
7/9/34	Lucy Lawrence	ASB	100.00	6.44	6.44
11/25/35	Joseph Webster	ASB	100.00	6.44	6.44
2/23/37	Valeria H. Towle	ASB	100.00	6.44	6.44
3/20/37	Mable J. Brickett	ASB	100.00	6.44	6.44
3/15/37	Charles E. Cook	ASB	100.00	6.44	6.44
8/14/37	Moses Webster	ASB	100.00	6.44	6.44
8/19/37	Melvin Cemetery Fund	ASB	100.00	6.44	6.44
1/28/38	Thomas J. Melvin	ASB	100.00	6.44	6.44
3/1/39	Chester Noyes Greenough	ASB	100.00	6.45	6.45
5/29/39	E. G. Buffum	ASB	100.00	6.45	6.45
11/25/39	Susie Smith	ASB	100.00	6.45	6.45
12/27/40	George Mackintosh	ASB	200.00	12.90	12.90
7/22/41	Lewis Kimball	ASB	100.00	6.45	6.45

10/25/50	Eva Underhill	ASB	100.00		6.45	6.45
11/29/41	Mary A. Owen	ASB	100.00		6.45	6.45
10/7/42	Mary T. Mable	ASB	100.00		6.45	6.45
5/4/45	William Greenough	ASB	100.00		6.45	6.45
5/15/42	Arthur E. Leighton	ASB	100.00		6.45	6.45
2/23/42	William P. Nichol	ASB	100.00		6.45	6.45
7/27/42	Justine P. Creamer	ASB	100.00		6.45	6.45
7/16/45	Addie F. Watkins	ASB	100.00		6.45	6.45
3/20/55	Leon G. Simonds	ASB	100.00		6.45	6.45
5/3/04	John W. Noyes	ASB	300.00		16.03	16.03
2/16/15	Jonathan Pressey	ASB	45.00		2.41	2.41
2/10/10	George W. Stevens	ASB	339.80		18.16	18.16
10/31/14	Cynthia J. Brown	ASB	50.00		2.69	2.69
6/30/18	George L. Converse	ASB	50.00		2.69	2.69
1/23/26	Mills & Wilson	ASB	250.00		13.16	13.16
4/27/31	George A. Hosley	ASB	200.00		10.69	10.69
3/12/29	John Cc. Chase	ASB	200.00		10.69	10.69
5/1/20	Village Cemetery	ASB	1000.00	37.52	65.54	37.52
1/28/32	George West	ASB	185.00		9.87	9.87
5/7/32	The Mills Family	ASB	200.00	1.78	10.79	1.78
1/11/33	A. H. Wilcomb	ASB	444.00	72.76	27.60	72.76
1/19/34	John F. & Jennie E. Green	ASB	150.00		8.02	8.02
7/8/35	Ellen A. Coats	ASB	200.00		10.69	10.69
10/23/37	Fred B. & Alice E. Boyles	ASB	150.00		8.02	8.02
12/8/38	James Marden	ASB	40.00		2.13	2.13
8/11/39	Frances L. Hazelton	ASB	200.00		10.69	10.69

5/21/40	Magdalena Robb	ASB	200.00	10.69	10.69
10/31/40	John H. Robie	ASB	150.00	8.02	8.02
11/8/41	Sanborn—Morse	ASB	250.00	23.36	23.36
11/28/41	Edward T. Morse	ASB	100.00	6.38	6.38
8/22/41	Isabelle C. Clark	ASB	200.00	10.69	10.69
6/18/43	Lida E. Crawford	ASB	300.00	16.03	16.03
2/15/43	Minnie D. French	ASB	50.00	2.69	2.69
12/7/45	Ann M. Wakefield	ASB	150.00	8.20	8.20
12/9/47	George S. Webster	ASB	150.00	7.21	7.21
12/11/51	Mansur & Seibert	ASB	175.00	9.33	9.33
3/1/15	Ivory J. & Sarah J. Lovering & John L. Hersom	ASB	150.00	8.02	8.02
7/25/53	Nellie W. Kearns	ASB	250.00	13.36	13.36
12/13/43	Amos Tuck French	ASB	5000.00	347.84	170.80
9/24/53	Nathan W. Goldsmith	ASB	150.00	8.16	8.16
8/30/58	Alma Watts Wheeler	ASB	200.00	11.02	11.02
11/20/58	Orlando H. Underhill	ASB	200.00	10.92	10.92
6/23/59	Myran F. Brown	ASB	150.00	8.11	8.11
12/20/60	Harriett & Walter E. Drowne	ASB	200.00	10.69	10.69
6/12/61	George D. Rand	ASB	100.00	5.33	5.33
8/25/61	Fred G. Bartlet	ASB	400.00	21.82	21.82
8/25/61	Albert N. Hardy	ASB	150.00	8.61	8.16
8/25/61	George Hook	ASB	150.00	8.16	8.16
8/31/61	Robinson & Martin	ASB	110.00	5.87	5.87
5/5/62	Wallace L. Kimball	ASB	100.00	5.33	5.33
5/10/63	Elizabeth Mills & Georgia Moulton	ASB	135.00	7.22	7.22

5/15/63	John Watson	ASB	150.00		8.02	8.02
6/13/63	Etta F. Purington	ASB	100.00		5.33	5.33
5/7/64	Grant—Starbird	ASB	200.00		10.69	10.69
5/2/33	Buzzell A. Follensbee	MSB	60.00		2.94	2.94
8/1/33	Carlos W. Naves	MSB	75.00		3.64	3.64
4/15/48	John G. Lang	MSB	150.00		7.28	7.28
4/15/48	Edwin Jones	MSB	150.00		7.28	7.28
5/5/48	Osgood Richards	MSB	150.00		7.28	7.28
9/29/49	Preston E. Goodrich	MSB	150.00		7.28	7.28
1/5/50	William H. Arthur & George West	MSB	250.00		12.15	12.15
10/19/50	William A. Moore	MSB	100.00		4.87	4.87
8/26/51	George E. Gillingham	MSB	300.00	13.35	15.23	13.35
5/1/51	J. Wesley Smith	MSB	100.00		4.87	4.87
2/9/58	Arthur M. & Guy L. Basford	MSB	100.00		6.37	6.37
3/20/59	Susie M. Gillingham	MSB	300.00	8.77	15.01	8.77
	French Addition	MSB	717.59		42.38	42.38
11/6/49	Robert H. Hazelton	MFS&L	14 shares	A. T. & T. Stock 290.20	56.01	300.00
3/24/50	William Finnegan	MFS&L	100.00		5.37	5.37
4/24/50	Victoria J. Brown	MFS&L	200.00	10.67	11.25	10.67
2/20/53	Farish G. Lewis	MFS&L	150.00	2.51	8.14	2.51
12/24/46	Great Hill Cemetery Fund	MFS&L	11631. (N.F.)	757.06		
			12,388.00		742.40	
1/15/54	Moses Tewksbury	MFS&L	300.00	5.51	16.30	5.51
8/5/54	Weeks & Forsaith	MFS&L	200.00	4.23	10.88	4.23

10/20/55	Rufus Forsaith	MFS&L	100.00	5.37	5.37
1/19/65	Henry H. & Emeline T. Lane	MFS&L	150.00	8.02	8.02
5/13/68	Warren F. Robinson	MFS&L	200.00	10.64	10.64
6/10/68	Henderson & Stow	MFS&L	100.00	5.37	5.37
6/27/68	Hazel B. Huid	MFS&L	150.00	8.02	8.02
8/8/68	Chris Hans Pomp	MFS&L	100.00	5.37	5.37
4/7/69	Fitts & Hunt	MFS&L	200.00	10.64	10.64
7/7/69	Charles H. Edwards	MFS&L	100.00	5.37	5.37
1/16/70	Amos E. & Mary A. Hazelton	MFS&L	300.00	16.01	16.01
5/19/71	John F. Robie	MFS&L	100.00	5.37	5.37
11/24/71	Leon B. Richardson	MFS&L	200.00	10.64	10.64
5/31/72	Woodbury—Marsters	MFS&L	200.00	10.63	10.63
5/31/72	John M. Webster	MFS&L	200.00	10.63	10.63
5/9/72	Victor & Perley Spollett	MFS&L	300.00 (N.F.)	10.38	10.38
6/27/73	Loren P. Rand	MFS&L	200.00 (N.F.)	5.49	5.49
8/23/73	North Chester Ladies Aid	MFS&L	300.00 (N.F.)	5.73	5.73
11/16/73	Adams—Richardson	MFS&L	200.00 (N.F.)	1.33	1.33
LIBRARY FUNDS					
2/10/10	George W. Stevens	MFS&L	339.80	18.15	18.15
1/2/31	John C. Chase	ASB	500.00	32.78	32.78
WILCOMB—TOWNSEND HOME FUND					
1915	Wilcomb Home Fund	ASB	4466.98	288.42	288.42
1927	Lydia H. Newell	ASB	8907.29	576.84	576.84

1927	Lydia H. Newell	MB	4389.32	260.09	260.09
1946	Miscellaneous Funds	MSB	10569.91	687.64	687.64
		MB	6614.61	391.94	391.94
		MFS&L	7264.21	453.80	453.80
			5144.00	323.00	323.00
		Derry Co-op	10000.00	618.05	618.05
1970		Indian Head	248.10	12.05	12.05
1971	60 shares stock	Man. Co-op		60.00	60.00

Jan. 1974 — 250th Anniversary Fund — \$2,773.05

Jan. 1974 — Capitol Reserve Fund — \$9,320.57

Jan. 1974 — Received from Edith A. Nichols — \$730.46

Jan. 1974 — Received from Maurice G. Colman — \$656.50

AUDITORS REPORT

We have examined the books and accounts of the Trustees of Trust Funds. H. Earle Grant, Treasurer, and find them correct and properly vouched.

Charles H. Frederick

John Starvish, Jr.

AUDITORS

WILCOMB—TOWNSEND HOME TRUST FUNDS

The Wilcomb-Townsend Home Trust Fund was founded in 1915, with the interest to be used to assist a resident of Chester, over 65 years of age and living on a low income.

With the increase in price of fuel, food and medical help, the Trustees feel there may be someone who now resides in Chester and over 65 years of age with a need for assistance. If so, contact Mrs. Edith A. Nichols, P.O. Box 73, Chester, N.H., and we will try to give you the assistance you need as long as funds are available.

The Trustees of Wilcomb-Townsend Home Trust Fund.

RECEIPTS 1973

Received from Trustees of Trust Funds - Interest	\$3,695.39
Received from Interest on 90 day Account	55.24
Received from Gannon Oil & Supply (Closing acct.)	37.90
Received from sale of stove	<u>10.00</u>
	\$3798.53

EXPENDITURES 1973

Derry Insurance Agency - Bond	\$5.00
Assistance to Needy over 65 years of age:	
Fuel — wood and oil	2,210.69
Groceries	305.43
Medical Aid	126.95
Rent	<u>420.00</u>
	\$3,068.07
Unexpended interest returned to Earl Grant	
Treas. of Trustee of Trust Funds	<u>730.46</u>
	\$3,798.53

EDITH A. NICHOLS,
Treasurer

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Telephone 887-3229

The following is a line by line budget request for \$12,000.00. This figure represents an increase of approximately \$5,000.00 over last year's budget expenditure.

The budget listed **will not** provide a full time police department as that figure would be between \$25,000.00 and \$35,000.00. It will take some of the burden off the members of the department for maintaining and equipping personally owned vehicles used for police duties in the Town of Chester. There is also an increase of approximately 10% in salaries over last year.

We attempted to have our budget request put in the Town Warrant and were refused. At this time we have been assured by a majority vote of the Board of Selectmen and a majority vote of the Budget Committee that we will get **no** backing from them on our request for \$12,000.00.

POLICE BUDGET FOR 1974 — \$12,000.00

“Increased budget provides police with transportation”

Telephones (in three houses)	\$400.00
Portable radio (high band — Federally and State funded)	58.00
First aid equipment	250.00
Police Cruiser (dedicated to police work)	1,500.00
Gas and oil (5,000 miles)	500.00
Insurance	150.00
Maintenance	350.00

SALARIES

Officers at \$2.50/hr. (883 hours)	2,200.00
Chief at \$3.00/hr. (1115 hours)	3,500.00
Matron at \$2.50/hr. (40 hours)	100.00
Personal automobiles of officers at \$2.00/hr + .15/mile	2,400.00
(While involved in police duties only — 883 hrs.-6,000 mi.)	
Office supplies (typewriter-paper)	150.00
Gas tank — 300 gal.	150.00
300 gals. gas (initial cost only)	<u>150.00</u>
TOTAL	\$11,858.00

NOTE: Hours and mileage are 1973 totals — no increased activity has been figured.

We are sure the people of Chester are well aware of what the activities of the Police Department involve as far as time and manpower.

Rather than go into past activities we are looking towards the future and for the help of the people in supporting "THEIR POLICE DEPARTMENT".

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the department for their assistance over the past years and also the fire department which have been called upon many times over the past year.

WILLIAM BRANDER III
Chief of Police

LIBRARY REPORTS

The Chester Public Library has enjoyed a record year in 1973. With some additional funds this year from Revenue Sharing money, we were able to increase our hours, to buy more books, and to improve our service to the community.

If statistics are meaningful, we were successful in every way. Our total circulation for the year was 4809 books, a whopping 931 more books than were circulated the year before. We were able to purchase 295 new books; and even with a thorough "housecleaning" of out of date volumes, we find we are bursting at the seams.

A most welcome addition to the library this year is a portable step-stool to reach those high, hard to see shelves (which are getting more and more use as the library fills up). The stool was the gift of Mrs. Frank Overly to whom we are most grateful.

During the summer months, we sponsored a morning film and story hour for young readers that attracted up to 45 children each week. This was done with the untiring help of Mrs. Sharon Carl, without whom it would never have been possible. At the same time, we sponsored a Reading Certificate program for older children; with the help of the Friends of the Library, we were able to award gift certificate to a local book store to those children who had read 20 or more books. As a result of this program, August was the busiest month in the history of the library with 673 books circulated and many new faces in and about the library.

Working on the premise that people seemed to enjoy the extended day-time library hours, we have continued this practice through the fall and winter. The Library is open Monday 10 A.M. - 2 P.M. and Wednesdays 12 - 5 P.M., and business has been brisk.

The fine service we receive from the State Library and the Bookmobile continues to augment our total program. The Bookmobile visits Chester four times a year and leaves us nearly 500 books of all kinds which are ours to circulate for the next few months. We can also secure from the State any book owned by a public library in the State of New Hampshire. The State Library also does an excellent job of research for us. All we do is send a Subject request, and their reference department sends all available material. If you haven't taken advantage

of this resource, you might want to give it a try.

The Library runs under the direction of the elected Trustees: Mr. Edward J. Murphy, Chairman; Mrs. Katherine Huston, and Mrs. Arlene Delorey. We welcome your suggestions, and we welcome you to visit us in the Town Hall.

TERRY ANN HOWDEN
Librarian

LIBRARY FINANCIAL REPORT

1973 RECEIPTS

Cash Balance 1/1/73		\$ 397.04
Chase & Stevens Trust Funds	\$ 55.34	
Fines Collected	61.11	
Memorial Book (Gift)	6.95	123.40
Town Appropriation		<u>2,000.00</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$2,520.44

1973 EXPENDITURES

Salary, Librarian	\$ 871.65	
F.I.C.A.	34.60	
Books, Magazines, Supplies	1,171.66	
Postage	18.21	
P.O. Box Rental	<u>5.40</u>	
		<u>\$2,101.52</u>
Cash Balance 12/31/73		\$ 418.92*

*Of this balance, approximately \$400 has already been committed and must be paid prior to receipt of any of the 1974 Town Appropriation. Included in this is uncashed checks, salary, and book expenses.

KATHERINE HUSTON,
Treasurer

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT

The following information is just a summary of what has been done in 1973.

Summer money spent on the following:

(Sealing)	Towle Rd., Tenney Rd., Donna & Carkin St.
(Paving)	Edwards Mill Rd.
(Mixed)	Lane Rd.
(Rebuilding)	3/10ths. of a mile on the Shepard Home Rd. Home Rd. 2/10ths. of a mile on the Wells Village Road 5/10ths. of a mile on the North Pond Rd.
(Graveled)	Wason Rd., Cole Rd., Hanson Rd. and Rod & Gun Club Rd.
(Culverts)	East Derry Rd., Lane Rd., Fremont Rd., Shepard Home Rd., Hanson Rd., North Pond Rd., Rod & Gun Club Rd., Candia Rd., and the Old Sandown Rd.

Winter money spent on the following:

- (Plowing, Sanding and Salting)
- (Some went for filling holes in the roads)

I wish to thank all who worked for the Chester Highway Department.

CLARENCE P. WARE,
Road Agent

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board meets regularly at the Chester Town Hall on the third Wednesday of each month at 8:00 P.M. The Board held 11 meetings during the calendar year 1973.

BUILDING PERMITS GRANTED IN 1973

New homes	23
Auxiliary buildings & additions	7
Swimming pools	2
Vellum (land transfers)	10
Lot plans for subdivision of land	1

The Planning Board appreciates the cooperation received from the townspeople during the past year. The Board reemphasizes its policy to serve the community by judicious planning of the Town's development for the years ahead. Your suggestions in support of this policy are welcome.

The Board accepted the resignation of two members this past year and would like to take this opportunity to thank Eugene Tenney for 12 years of service and Howard Geddis for 4 years of service. Their dedicated effort toward preserving the natural growth in Chester is much appreciated.

RAYMOND I. DOLLOFF, Chairman
CHARLES J. DOWNING
HAROLD VENNER
KEVIN SCOTT
HOWARD A. GEDDIS, Secretary

REPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL FACILITIES PLANNING COMMISSION

Chester has an approximate population of 1500 people; projected growth patterns in Rockingham County indicate that by 1980, we will be at 2600; 1990, 5600 and by year 2000, we will have 11,000 people.

The Town of Chester is imminently faced with making decisions relative to major capital investments in land and buildings for both municipal and school programs. Establishing priorities and recommendations are, therefore, a common problem for all town services in order for the governing and other municipal bodies to plan in accordance with the expressed wishes and desires of the Townspeople.

Under Article 37 of the Town Warrant for 1972, the Selectmen of Chester, N.H. were authorized to establish a committee for the study of land acquisition for municipal use. The following committee members have contributed to this study.

William P. Brander
Edith Kraushaar
Carl W. Lohmann
Percival M. Lowell
Gladys Nicoll
Richard Noyes
John Pepper
Lucy Reid
Kevin Scott
James S. Tebo
John M. Terravecchia
James W. Towle, Jr.
Harold Venner, Jr.
Winthrop Wadleigh
Richard W. Wiggin

INTENT

To maintain the historical character of Chester center (Routes 102 and 121) and to provide a recommendation for facilities for municipal government in the area of Chester center.

PURPOSE

To provide recommendations based on long term requirements and needs of our municipal government through the year 1985.

To explore the availability of land in the area of Chester center for a municipal complex.

To propose a feasible growth plan for a municipal complex.

To study the tax burden of such a venture on Chester's residents.

To determine an area to be included in Chester center that would lend itself to historical definition.

To offer some thoughts on recreation facilities in the Town of Chester.

The study has included potential needs of:

Selectmen
Clerk
Tax Collector
Tax Assessor
Building Inspector
Planning Board
Road Agent
Police Department
Fire Department
Elementary and Higher Grade Education
Playgrounds and Park Areas
Disposal Area

As part of this charter, the Municipal Facilities Planning Committee has prepared a "Questionnaire and Opinion Survey".

The "Questionnaire and Opinion Survey" is divided into seven (7) sections, as follows:

- I. Background of Chester Residents
- II. General Feelings About Chester
- III. Planning and Zoning
- IV. Schooling
- V. Evaluation of Services Rendered in Chester
- VI. Recreation
- VII. Miscellaneous

The questionnaire was not delivered in 1973 because of a lack of funds. Attempts were made on local, state, and federal levels to obtain funds for printing some 321 questions, but to no avail. An attempt will be made this year to appropriate \$500 for printing costs under "Selectmen's Expenses."

The committee has communicated with all local departments as well as the following organizations:

- N.H. Office of Comprehensive Planning
- N.H. State Department of Education
- N.H. State Department of Labor
- N.H. Water Supply and Pollution Control
- Southern N.H. Planning Commission
- Derry Bank and Trust Company
- American Insurance Association
- Alemania Construction Corporation

Priorities are very difficult to ascertain but considerable thought must be given to:

- A. Building needs of the Fire Department
- B. Sanitary land fill program
- C. Renovation of Town Hall and Library
- D. School building program—including cafeteria—
gymnasium facilities

Through the efforts of this committee, a commitment has been obtained for purchase by the Town of three acres of land in Chester center.

The committee has arrived at some tentative recommendations. However, finalization will necessarily depend on the results obtained from the questionnaire.

I wish to express my thanks and appreciation for the efforts of the committee in completing this study.

WILLIAM P. BRANDER,
Chairman

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT REPORT

During the past year the Board of Adjustment considered and acted on a total of 15 applications for variances. The intended uses of the applicants and the resulting board action are as follows:

Welding Shop	Conditional Approval
Vehicle Repair	Conditional Approval
Gun Shop	Approval
Watch Repair	Approval
Electrical Contract	Approval
House Lot Frontage	Approval
Lot Size	Approval
Lot Size	Pending
Blacksmith Shop, Antique Shop and Repair	Conditional Approval
House Lot Frontage	Approval
Real Estate Office	Conditional Approval
House Lot Frontage	Denied
Gift Shop	Approval
House Lot Frontage	Conditional Approval
Electrical SubStation	Approval

The Board would like to thank any and all townspeople who took an interest or a part in the past year's activities. The Board of Adjustment performs a vital function in the balance and continuity of the Town's growth. We hope that everyone will continue to be interested and keep informed of what we are trying to do. Our meetings are always open to the public and your presence is welcome.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD I. SPENCER, Chairman
RICHARD WIGGIN
CLIFFORD MILLSAPS
JACK ZITO
JOHN COLMAN

FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING ACCOUNT REPORT

Balance on hand January 1973	\$14,872.00
Received by Town in 1973:	
Second half check 1972	\$14,271.00
First quarter 1973	1,987.00
Second quarter 1973	1,987.00
Third quarter 1973	2,134.00
Interest earned 1973	770.26
TOTAL RECEIVED	<u>\$21,149.26</u>
Paid to Town General Account	\$14,331.46
Returned to Federal Government	<u>13,627.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENDED	<u>(\$27,958.46)</u>
Balance on hand at end of year	\$ 8,062.80

LINDSEY F. RICE,
Treasurer

DERRY FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

January 16, 1974

Board of Selectmen

As explained in our letter of one year ago, we added three personnel on our ambulance because of the state's regulation pertaining to all personnel being licensed. This, of course, did increase our budget.

In 1973 our fire budget was \$84,945.00, with the revenue and amount turned back to the town at \$28,503.55. With the reduction of this amount, the cost to the Town of Derry, tax-wise, is \$56,441.45.

Our amount of calls, minus Chester and Londonderry, were 606 making our pro-rate figure "93".

In 1971 your Chester residents' calls were 37; in 1972 they were 34; this year, 1973, there were 30 calls. Where your calls seem to be stabilized in the thirty bracket, we feel the same amount as last year, an amount of \$3,000, would be owed to the Town of Derry for 1974.

During 1973 we turned over to your town a revenue of \$240.00. An amount of \$125.00 is still owed to you.

Hoping this meets with the approval of your voters,

I remain

ALFRED W. DICK
Chief of Department

P.S. If there are any questions, feel free to call at any time.

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

There were a total of 54 calls to the Chester Volunteer Fire Department during the year 1973. This represents a substantial increase in the responses made by the Fire Department. These calls were listed as follows:

8	Structural
5	Town Disposal Area
4	Car and Truck
2	Brush
5	Chimney
16	Miscellaneous
7	Accident
1	Grass
1	Camper
2	Mutual Aid
2	False Alarm
1	Search Party

The Department is involved in continual training sessions and is currently signed up for state supervised training in fire fighting practices.

The firemen will also be attending training schools where they participate in actual firefighting experience under controlled burning. Training and proper utilization of the equipment has become an important issue in modern day firefighting.

The Fire Department is in the process of purchasing a new fire truck best described as a four wheel drive mini pumper truck. As well as responding to regular fire calls, the new unit's primary function will be forestry and accident calls, a need evidenced by the recorded responses to accidents requiring extrication. The mini truck has the capabilities of extrication equipment and a front mounted 10,000 lb. winch.

The annual Fireman's Field Day held in August was a successful effort and provided a fun day for the whole family. Men, women and children's events were held with trophies awarded to the first place winners.

The open house held at the station during Fire Prevention Week hosted more than 100 people touring the fire house. The Bob Child Memorial Essay and Poster contest material was on display at this

time. Movies on fire safety were shown and demonstrations of various types were carried on through the evening by the firemen. The Chester Lions Club presented the Department with a pair of bolt cutters during this open house.

Your continued support to the above mentioned events is much appreciated.

Your Fire Department participated in many town Firemen Musters and added more trophies to the increasing collection.

The Fire Department is strongly supporting the Town's purchase of the field adjacent to the Village Cemetery and French Memorial Field. This would give the town the necessary land to improve the recreational area and provide an ideal spot for the construction of a new fire station. This is very much needed to house equipment and to make available the space and facilities for the projected growth and need for a manned fire department.

It has been suggested that the present fire station be turned over to the trustees of the library for the purpose of future expansion of the Chester Library. Its proximity to the center of town and to the Chester School makes this an ideal location for utilization of the present building.

If you wish further information to better understand the above proposal, please call the following: Red Dolloff (887-3809), Ernie Edwards (887-3834), or Dick Noyes (887-3733).

Many thanks to the residents of Chester for their contributions and continual support given to the Department.

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND I. DOLLOFF, JR.
Fire Chief

REPORT OF THE FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND DISTRICT CHIEF

The New Hampshire Forest Fire Service is represented in every town, city or unorganized place in our state by the Forest Fire Warden. Anyone wishing to kindle an outside fire when the ground is not covered with snow must first obtain the written permission of the Fire Warden. Except for cooking fires, no fire can be kindled between 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. unless it is a commercial or industrial burn or it is raining. The Fire Warden is assisted in his work by the District Forest Fire Chief who works for the Department of Resources and Economic Development Forest Fire Service.

The Chester Fire Department is a volunteer fire department with a red phone system that has a 24 hour coverage. The number to call TO REPORT A FIRE is: 887-3250. When you make connection, state your name, location and nature of the fire (woods, stove, chimney, cellar, T.V., etc.). Please remain on the line until the fire department has the complete information.

If you are a new resident, it would be beneficial to state the former owner's name along with your own so that it will aid firemen in responding to the exact property.

ALL OTHER QUESTIONS RELATING TO BURNING PERMITS, INCINERATOR PERMITS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO:

Red Dolloff*	Webster Lane	887-3809
Fred Delorey	Derry Road	887-3844
Jack Towle*	Fremont Road	887-4155

The local newspapers will carry any changes in burning requirements as they come in from the Forest Fire Service.

Fire Prevention was, again this year, the most important part of the Forest Fire Warden's job. Fire statistics show the need with 72% of the fires caused by smoking, debris burning and children. Smokey the Bear is an important prevention tool but he still needs much help from the public. Parents should warn their children of the hazards of playing with matches. Children tend to forget that a lighted match held in their hand is a potential forest fire.

* Authorized to issue burning permits.

Forest Fire Record:

	STATE	DISTRICT	TOWN
Fires reported	617	183	0
Acres burned	244	88	0
Acres average size	.395		

RALPH STEVENS

District Fire Chief

RAYMOND I. DOLLOFF, JR.

Forest Fire Warden

HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT

The following were the activities of the Health Officer for the past year, 1973:

Inspection of Foster Homes and Others

Four homes were inspected regarding the health of foster children. One Kindergarten and Day Care for twenty children was also inspected. The various health forms were filled out and filed as directed.

Inspection of Septic Tank Systems for Sewage Disposal

The Health Officer was appointed as an agent of the New Hampshire Water Supply and Pollution Control Commission for the inspection of sanitary sewage systems constructed as per requirements of R.S.A. 147:2 and 149E in the Town of Chester.

One complaint of possible sewage odor. (not sewage)

Two complaints of sewage seepage through the ground. (old systems – they were corrected)

One well was contaminated. (it is now suitable for drinking water)

Four requests for technical advice on planned construction of sanitary sewage disposal systems. (two were rejected)

There were forty building sites visited and approved after inspection of soil survey maps. Four were disapproved.

The New Hampshire Water Supply and Pollution Control Commission approved the plans for thirty sanitary sewage disposal systems. They were inspected and accepted by the Health Officer.

NOTICE TO ALL PROPERTY OWNERS OF CHESTER

All new construction or replacement of sewage disposal systems must be inspected by the Health Officer to see that they are in strict compliance with the New Hampshire Water Supply and Pollution Control Commission State Law (now Chapter 147:2 R.S.A.). A fee of \$15.00 is required by the Health Officer.

Respectfully submitted,

CLIFTON D. HOLMAN
Health Officer for Chester, N.H.
Agent for N.H.W.S. & P.C.C.

CHESTER CONSERVATION COMMISSION

During the past year projects have been started or continued from the year before.

Last spring the Lions Club donated a scholarship to send a child to a state Conservation Camp for one week.

Since 1971 we have been aware of the Boy Scouts need for an area in which they could camp and learn about woodcraft and outdoor skills. We have narrowed down the possibilities and are currently involved in the selection of a parcel of land for the use of the Scouts. There has also been discussion regarding the use of this same piece of land for Chester Residents as a picnic and hiking area.

Another project to be mentioned is the recycling of waste. As the details are decided and the project is ready to begin, there will be announcements in the paper as to when and where. Those groups or individuals interested should get in contact with a commission member.

Respectfully submitted,

GLADYS NICOLL, Chairman

WARREN NOYES, Treasurer

JESSICA HALE, Secretary

WALT ST. CLAIR

JAMES TOWLE

JAMES TEBO

FROM YOUR REPRESENTATIVE

The residents of Chester continue to ask me to seek for them information, guidance and assistance from agencies of the state government. Also, I express thanks to those residents who took the time to tell me personally, or by phone, or in writing, their sentiments on pending legislation, and I carefully considered these comments at the appropriate time.

Through the means of memos posted in public places, articles in the local newspapers and personal appearances before both youth and adult groups, I tried to keep you informed on proposed legislation that was important to your well-being and wallets.

I feel it appropriate to tell you that the other 2 Representatives, Roy Davis of Auburn and Helen Wilson of Candia (who along with me represent Auburn, Candia and Chester at the legislature), with me have strongly supported the concept of "economy and efficiency" in government, and have worked closely with me in backing legislation which permits towns and school districts to manage their own affairs as far as possible with a minimum of interference from the state government.

It is my intent to continue to keep you informed, to carry out your missions at the State House, and to carefully weigh any legislation which would have an impact on the Town of Chester.

RICHARDSON D. BENTON
Representative

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF CHESTER, N.H.

For the Year Ending December 31, 1973

Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Name of Child	Sex	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
Jan. 2	Exeter, N.H.	Heather E.	F	Wayne A. Gates	Deborah A. Baker
Feb. 16	Lawrence, Mass.	Karen A.	F	Robert Archambault	Jill Donna Himber
26	Manchester, N.H.	Kimberly E.	F	Paul D. Beck	Joan P. Leslie
April 13	Derry, N.H.	Jason P.	M	James P. Van Sciver	Judith V. Elkins
May 25	Manchester, N.H.	Coreen A.	F	Robert W. Quimby, Jr.	Karen C. Taylor
June 8	Exeter, N.H.	Gerald, Jr.	M	Gerald Gallant	Nancy L. Cabral
12	Manchester, N.H.	Norman B. Jr.	M	Norman B. Simano	Rosa L. Byarlay
July 1	Manchester, N.H.	Lisa A.	F	Richard D. Lewis	Natalie J. Seavey
5	Manchester, N.H.	Ann M.	F	Wayne Britton	Judy M. Goad
10	Manchester, N.H.	Jason T.	M	Richard D. Buxton	Roberta A. McCarty
10	Lawrence, Mass.	Sara E.	F	Robert R. Morrill, Sr.	Ann Scruton
25	Manchester, N.H.	Brett A.	M	Kevin C. Scott	Annette M. Cadieux
Aug. 9	Manchester, N.H.	Margaret A.	F	John J. Stravish	Mary A. McQuaid
Oct. 25	Exeter, N.H.	Andrew D.	M	Robert W. Jeans	Janice E. Sullivan
25	Manchester, N.H.	Bradford T.	M	Albert S. Melvin	Jacqueline A. Dustin
Nov. 10	Winchester, Mass.	Derek A.	M	David W. Coles	Gail A. Brabant

15	Manchester, N.H.	John	M	John B. Robertson	Suzanne Asadourian
20	Derry, N.H.	David F.	M	Henry E. Morin	Betty I. Healey
20	Manchester, N.H.	James T.	M	Robert A. Watson	Margaret E. Brown
Dec. 7	Manchester, N.H.	Timothy E.	M	Stanton E. Leighton	Elizabeth J. Miller

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

RUTH M. RICHARDSON
Town Clerk

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF CHESTER, N.H. For the Year Ending December 31, 1973

<u>Date of Marriage</u>	<u>Place of Marriage</u>	<u>Name of Groom & Bride</u>	<u>Residence at Time of Marriage</u>	<u>Person by</u>	
				<u>Age</u>	<u>Whom Married</u>
Jan.	Chester, N.H.	Richard J. Ducey	Chester, N.H.	23	Ruth M. Richardson
		Marlana L. Ritter	Methuen, Mass.	19	Justice of the Peace
Jan.	Chester, N.H.	Wayne S. Britton	Chester, N.H.	23	Herbert J. Moore
		Judy M. Goad	Chester, N.H.	17	Pastor
March	Sandown, N.H.	Warren H. Roberts	Chester, N.H.	52	Ernest Pillsbury
		Ellen L. Stearns	Buskirk, N.Y.	31	Justice of the Peace
April	Chester, N.H.	Andrew R. Dignard	Lowell, Mass.	21	Herbert J. Moore
		Nancy E. Moore	Chelmsford, Mass.	18	Pastor
June	Derry, N.H.	Edward A. Herrick	Chester, N.H.	19	Cecile Hoisington
		Virginia E. Martin	Chester, N.H.	18	Justice of the Peace
	Candia, N.H.	Donald A. Hatch	Stratham, N.H.	35	Rev. Leo Lefebvre
		Rosemary M. Gesel	Chester, N.H.	25	Roman Catholic Priest
11	Manchester, N.H.	Sgt. Randall S. Volkert	Middlebury, Vt.	22	Rev. David B. Shirley P.L.D.
		Christine Fleuriel	Chester, N.H.	21	Pastor
23	Derry, N.H.	Timothy P. Gibson	Lebanon, N.H.	20	Preston K. Mears, Jr.
		Anne M. Folger	Chester, N.H.	19	Episcopal Rector
23	Derry, N.H.	Jonathan Hicks	Chester, N.H.	21	Rev. Bede Urekew, O.S.B.
		Rosemarie St. Cyr	Richmond, Va.	22	Catholic Priest

July	21	Candia, N.H.	Roger D. Hardy	Londonderry, N.H.	21	Rev. Leo Lefebvre
			Paula Kinsman	Chester, N.H.	20	Roman Catholic Priest
	28	Raymond, N.H.	Willis C. French	Raymond, N.H.	26	Rev. Richard A. Johnson
	31	Derry, N.H.	Audrey J. Renaud	Chester, N.H.	21	Baptist Minister
			John B. O'Brian, Jr.	Chester, N.H.	22	Herbert J. Moore
Aug.	3	Derry, N.H.	Catherine V. Robie	Chester, N.H.	23	Pastor
			Dana E. Merrill	Nashua, N.H.	35	Margaret M. DiMarzio
	27	Chester, N.H.	Elizabeth L. Jobin	Chester, N.H.	32	Justice of the Peace
			Loren J. Jean	Nashua, N.H.	35	Ruth M. Richardson
			Shirley A. Parison	Windham, N.H.	37	Justice of the Peace
Sept.	22	Derry, N.H.	Allen R. Sidlik	Chester, N.H.	31	Donald L. Fowler
			Sally R. Walsh	Derry, N.H.	23	Justice of the Peace
Oct.	5	Chester, N.H.	Charles E. Neal	East Candia, N.H.	17	Rev. Robert E. Loring
			Kathi J. Richardson	Chester, N.H.	15	Pastor
	13	Chester, N.H.	Richard J. Goddard	Chester, N.H.	24	Ruth M. Richardson
			Wendy D. Klenia	Hudson, N.H.	22	Justice of the Peace
	20	Chester, N.H.	John J. Foscitt	Chester, N.H.	22	Rev. Leo Lefebvre
			Patricia A. Filteau	Chester, N.H.	20	Roman Catholic Priest
Nov.	3	Chester, N.H.	William M. Lewis	Derry, N.H.	18	Ruth M. Richardson
			Sharon L. Doucette	Manchester, N.H.	18	Justice of the Peace

13	Manchester, N.H.	Gary L. Porter	Derry, N.H.	21	Rev. David B. Shirley P.H.D.
		Pamela G. Kimball	Chester, N.H.	19	Pastor
24	Chester, N.H.	Ross A. Emerson	Chester, N.H.	25	Ruth M. Richardson
Dec. 5	Epping, N.H.	Cathy L. Peloquin	Derry, N.H.	26	Justice of the Peace
		Gerard E. Gilbert	Manchester, N.H.	26	Beverly M. Chandler
15	Chester, N.H.	Christine R. Manning	Chester, N.H.	22	Justice of the Peace
		Henry A. Chanaki	Chester, N.H.	37	Rev. Howard Rogers
		Charlotte T. Weed	Chester, N.H.	62	Pastor

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

RUTH M. RICHARDSON
Town Clerk

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF CHESTER, N.H. For the Year Ending December 31, 1973

Date of Death	Place of Death	Name of Deceased	Age	Place of Birth	Sex	Place of Burial
Jan. 14	Laconia, N.H.	Frances Swan	84	New York	F	Chester, N.H.
30	Exeter, N.H.	Hilda V. Plant	72	Massachusetts	F	Chester, N.H.
Apr. 13	Derry, N.H.	Walter L. Crawford	83	New Brunswick	M	Chester, N.H.
27	Derry, N.H.	Merle S. Robie	53	New Hampshire	M	Chester, N.H.
30	Auburn, N.H.	Salvacion Catizone	29	Philippines	F	Chester, N.H.
30	Auburn, N.H.	Lucienne Labonte	49	New Hampshire	F	Manchester, N.H.
May 12	Derry, N.H.	Louis E. J. Currier	64	New Hampshire	M	Epping, N.H.
13	E. Derry, N.H.	Anna L. Edwards	95	New Hampshire	F	Chester, N.H.
21	Manchester, N.H.	Paul E. Stien	78	Illinois	M	Chester, N.H.
26	Manchester, N.H.	Guy R. S. Hanson	75	Massachusetts	M	Chester, N.H.
June 5	Rochester, N.H.	Pauline Chase	70	Vermont	F	Chester, N.H.
July 11	Manchester, N.H.	Lester J. Lewis, Sr.	75	New Hampshire	M	Chester, N.H.
31	Manchester, N.H.	Alice M. DeWaele	78	Belgium	F	Chester, N.H.
Aug. 30	Manchester, N.H.	Lillian F. Mullen	77	New Hampshire	F	Chester, N.H.
Nov. 7	Manchester, N.H.	Jeffrey M. Tancrel	25	Maine	M	Bedford, N.H.
24	East Derry, N.H.	Blanche C. Webster	79	New Hampshire	F	Chester, N.H.

Dec.	25	Chester, N.H.	Charles A. Goldsmith	70	New Hampshire	M	Chester, N.H.
1972	30	Derry, N.H.	Margaret A. Lavasseur	56	New Hampshire	F	Londonderry, N.H.
Dec.	18	Manchester, N.H.	Gertrude A. Dearborn	63	Massachusetts	F	Chester, N.H.
1973	27	Thailand	*Major Lawrence J. Marshall	43	Manchester, N.H.	M	Chester, N.H.
Jan.	28	Sandown, N.H.	*Matthias E. Gibbs	74	—	M	Chester, N.H.
Apr.	24	York, Maine	*Nellie F. LeClair	82	—	F	Chester, N.H.
May	26	Burlington, N.J.	*Charles A. Wells	40	Chester, N.H.	M	Chester, N.H.
July	31	Boston, Mass.	*Larzlo Hadik	41	—	M	Chester, N.H.
	31	Boston, Mass.	*Roger MacArthur	41	Needham, Mass.	M	Chester, N.H.
	31	Boston, Mass.	*Ilona G. DeSchmertzing	10	—	F	Chester, N.H.
Sept.	25	Cambridge, Mass.	*Marion C. Webster	85	Chester, N.H.	F	Chester, N.H.

* Brought here for burial

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

RUTH M. RICHARDSON
Town Clerk

OFFICER OF THE CHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Evelyn R. Wilson	Term Expires 1974
James D. Cole	Term Expires 1975
John R. Pepper, Sr.	Term Expires 1976

OTHER OFFICERS

John A. West (Elected Annually)	Moderator
Susan Brander (Elected Annually)	District Clerk
James Towle, Jr. (Elected Annually)	District Treasurer
State Tax Commission	Auditor
Francis C. Wilson	Superintendent of Schools
Ira A. Stickney	Asst. Superintendent of Schools
Harry E. Ryerson	Asst. Superintendent of Schools

BUILDING COMMITTEE

James Towle, Jr.	Karl Van Ledtje
Raymond Dolloff, Sr.	Clifford Millsaps
Edward Grosvenor	Alfred Delorey

SCHOOL WARRANT
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Chester, New Hampshire qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Steven's Memorial Hall in said district on the 5th day of March, 1974, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a School Board Member for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

NOTE: The above warrant is unofficial. The official warrant with changes, if any, will be posted at least fourteen days before the date of the meeting.

CHESTER SCHOOL BOARD

Evelyn R. Wilson
James D. Cole
John R. Pepper, Sr.

SCHOOL WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Chester, New Hampshire qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Steven's Memorial Hall in said district on the 2nd day of March, 1974, at eight o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To hear reports of agents, auditors, and committees or officers chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

2. To see if the voters of the School District of Chester will approve a new tuition contract between the district and the trustees of Pinkerton Academy and to see if such contract shall be deemed to be the contract between this school district and the trustees of Pinkerton Academy.

3. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$5,000.00 for the purpose of acquiring an option or options on land in Chester and further to be authorized to make the borings on such land.

4. To see what sum of money the District will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district.

5. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

NOTE: The above warrant is unofficial. The official warrant with changes, if any, will be posted at least fourteen days prior to the district meeting.

CHESTER SCHOOL BOARD

Evelyn R. Wilson

James D. Cole

John R. Pepper, Sr.

BUDGET OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF CHESTER

1974-1975

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION	Approved Budget <u>1973-74</u>	School Board's Budget <u>1974-75</u>
100. ADMINISTRATION		
110. Salaries	740.00	740.00
135. Contracted Services	565.00	565.00
190. Other Expenses	460.00	475.00
200. INSTRUCTION		
210. Salaries	118,846.00	129,776.00
215. Textbooks	4,992.00	5,181.00
220. Library & Audiovisual Mat.	3,606.00	3,588.00
230. Teaching Supplies	5,833.00	5,258.00
235. Contracted Services	3,090.00	3,200.00
290. Other Expenses	1,940.00	2,235.00
300. ATTENDANCE SERVICES	10.00	10.00
400. HEALTH SERVICES	3,485.00	3,610.00
500. PUPIL TRANSPORTATION	12,402.00	15,246.00
600. OPERATION OF PLANT		
610. Salaries	7,906.00	8,245.00
630. Supplies	1,400.00	1,800.00
635. Contracted Services	300.00	350.00
640. Heat	2,500.00	3,000.00
645. Utilities	2,650.00	3,250.00
690. Other Expenses	50.00	50.00
700. MAINTENANCE OF PLANT	4,685.00	6,074.00
800. FIXED CHARGES		
850. Employee Retirement & F.I.C.A.	10,678.00	11,060.96
855. Insurance	6,612.00	6,275.00
900. SCHOOL LUNCH & SPEC'		
MILK PROGRAM	2,200.00	2,700.00
000. STUDENT-BODY ACTIVITIES	600.00	600.00
100. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES	100.00	100.00
200. CAPITAL OUTLAY		
1265. Sites	100.00	2,500.00
1267. Equipment	3,268.00	5,100.00
300. DEBT SERVICE		
1370. Principal of Debt	11,000.00	11,000.00
1371. Interest on Debt	4,185.00	3,660.00

177. OUTGOING TRANSFER ACCOUNTS

IN STATE

1477.1 Tuition	107,621.00	111,070.00
1477.2 Transportation	1,224.00	835.00
1477.3 Supervisory Union Expenses	10,471.00	11,116.04

478. OUTGOING TRANSFER ACC'TS'

OUT OF STATE

1478.1 Tuition	1,846.00	
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479. EXPENDITURES TO OTHER

THAN PUB. SCHOOLS	9,777.00	10,000.00
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700. SUMMER SCHOOL

Deficit Approp.	8,000.00	
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TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$353,142.00	\$368,670.00
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REVENUES & CREDITS

UNENCUMBERED BALANCE	3,633.34	
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REVENUE FROM STATE SOURCES:

Sweepstakes	5,677.33	4,170.00
Foundation Aid	2,290.48	2,290.00
School Building Aid	3,347.93	4,634.00
Foster Children	400.00	400.00

REVENUE FROM FEDERAL SOURCES:

Sch. Lunch & Special Milk Prog.	2,200.00	2,200.00
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LOCAL REVENUE EXCEPT TAXES:

Trust Fund Income	400.00	400.00
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TOTAL SCHOOL REVENUES

AND CREDITS	17,949.08	14,094.00
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DISTRICT ASSESSMENT	335,192.92	354,576.00
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TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$353,142.00	\$368,670.00
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BOARD CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

As prices are increasingly rapidly in every area, it is impossible to keep the school budget from joining the ever ascending price rise.

The energy "crunch" has made us all aware of the increased costs of just keeping the building adequately lighted and reasonably warm. However, I believe the Good Lord does sit on our shoulders at times and offer some direction. This appears to be the case during the time the board requested, and the district approved splitting the heating zone in order to distribute the heat more evenly throughout the front of the building. The board has been assured that the building is more comfortable and the boiler runs less.

There have been many repairs made this year. The threshold in the library-cafeteria has been replaced, the roof over the main entrance no longer leaks, therefore, the front doors have been replaced. New tiles have been laid in the two basement areas in the original building and two more classrooms have been painted.

Unfortunately, we as taxpayers, spend a great deal of money each year in replacing broken glass. While small amount of breakage is to be expected, we are faced with the problem of vandalism which costs the district a great deal of money and does nothing to promote education within the system.

Roof repairs are needed for the back side of the original building. This year we are also requesting the funds to hot top some areas around the school.

The high school tuition account is again going to pose "budget problems" this year. There is a sharp increase in tuition charges. Pinkerton is projecting an increase of about \$80 per student; Raymond about \$120; and Manchester about \$150.

This year the "sending" towns contracted with Pinkerton have requested that the Trustees of the Academy begin a program in vocational-technical training. As a result, the Pinkerton Trustees are requesting that a new sixteen-year contract be negotiated. This is an extremely important matter and I urge everyone to attend the School District Meeting so that this may be thoroughly discussed.

This year a Steering Committee was formed, composed of one representative from each district contracted with Pinkerton, a member from the Pinkerton Trustees, and representation from the State Department of Education. We hope to get a line of communication flowing between the school boards and the board of trustees.

The junior high teachers are working with the department heads at

Pinkerton in an effort to coordinate curriculum for the incoming freshman classes at Pinkerton.

With the continued cooperation of all the people involved, the students of Chester can look forward to having all the opportunities that the town can possibly provide.

Respectfully submitted,
Evelyn R. Wilson

REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER

Cash on Hand July 1, 1972		\$ 18,878.16
Received from Selectmen		
Current Appropriation	\$258,841.41	
Deficit Appropriation	8,000.00	
Balance of Previous Approp.	2.00	
Revenue from State Sources	16,965.94	
Revenue from Federal Sources	3,362.63	
Received as income from		
Trust Funds	1,410.45	
Received from all Other Sources	93.74	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		288,676.17
Total Amount Available for Fiscal Year		307,554.33
Less School Board Orders Paid		303,746.41
BALANCE ON HAND, June 30, 1973		3,807.92

James W. Towle, Jr.
District Treasurer

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

1972-1973 Revenues

Cash on Hand July 1, 1972		18,878.16
Revenue from Local Sources		
Town - Appropriation	258,841.41	
Deficit Appropriation	8,000.00	
Balance Due on Previous Approp.	2.00	
Other Revenues	1,418.45	
		268,261.86
Revenue from State Sources		
Foundation Aid	6,934.60	
School Building Aid	3,565.83	
Sweepstakes	6,465.51	
		16,965.94
Revenue from Federal Sources		
School Lunch	3,362.63	
		3,362.63
TOTAL NET RECEIPTS		307,468.59
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR ALL PURPOSES		303,660.67
CASH BALANCE ON HAND June 30, 1973		3,807.92

EXPLANATION OF DIFFERENCE BETWEEN NET (ACTUAL) EXPENDITURES & GROSS TRANSACTIONS

RECEIPTS

Total Net Receipts, plus Cash on Hand July 1, 1972	307,468.59	
Receipts Recorded Under Item 60 Refunds	85.74	
TOTAL GROSS RECEIPTS		307,554.33

EXPENDITURES

Total Net Expenditures, Plus Cash on Hand June 30, 1973	307,468.59	
Expenditures Reduced by Receipts	85.74	
TOTAL GROSS EXPENDITURES		307,554.33

DETAILED LIST OF PAYMENTS 1972-1973

ADMINISTRATION

Salaries of District Officers	\$730.00
Contracted Services for Administration	
Soule & Leslie	\$180.00
State Tax Commission	267.48
	\$447.48
Other Expenses for Administration	
Brown & Saltmarsh	\$30.75
N.H. School Boards Association	125.00
Leigh Thailer	15.00
Windham Printing Co.	42.50
James Towle	41.11
	254.36

INSTRUCTION

Salaries of Teachers & Principals	\$105,971.03
Salaries of Secretaries	\$2,872.80
Textbooks	
Benefic Press	297.54
Economy Company	54.30
Ginn & Company	280.60
Harcourt, Brace & Jovanovich, Inc.	214.51
Laidlaw Brothers	891.15
Leicestershire Learning	30.55
Charles E. Merrill Company	232.07
New Dimensions In Education	89.78
Science Research Assoc.	51.38
AMSCO School Publishers	20.55
General Learning Corp.	40.94
Litton Education Pub.	304.15
Scott Foresman Company	152.12
Field Educational Pub.	9.20
Harper & Row	27.88
	\$2,696.72
School Libraries & Audio-Visual Materials:	
Nathaniel Dame Co.	\$498.29
Eyegate House, Inc.	168.00
Instructor Publications, Inc.	35.45
Kimbo Educational Corp.	60.22

McGraw Hill Company	15.10
Scholastic Book Service	60.23
Scholastic Magazines	74.51
Science Research Assoc.	2.66
Scott Graphics	213.00
Scott, Foresman Company	17.81
Simon & Schuster	2.57
Society for Visual Education	102.94
J. Weston Walsh Pub.	3.78
Addison Wesley Corp.	40.72
Educators Book Club	34.63
A. H. Rice Co.	9.69
Troll Associates	99.15
Western Publishing Co.	12.55
ABC School Supply	16.49
ALESCO	250.80
Follett Library	148.87
Funk & Wagnalls	6.22
Webster Paper Company	21.35
Bowmar Publishing Company	19.85
Children's Press	68.43
EBSCO	25.95
J. L. Hammett Co.	40.38
Harcourt, Brace & Jovanovich, Inc.	7.61
Harper & Row	8.81
Houghton Mifflin Company	23.31
Litton Educational Publications	16.73
Charles E. Merrill Company	550.68
National Council Math	10.00
National Geographic	10.25
Oddo Publishing Company	19.75
Garrard Publishing Co.	121.74
Lerner Publications	102.50
National Wildlife Federation	6.50
Young Readers Press	19.86
Mainco School Supply Co.	7.20
World Book Encyclopedia	123.50
New Dimensions in Education	295.00
Supervisory Union No. 14, Title II	45.21
University of New Hampshire	2.50
Toy City	20.23

Aims Instructional Media	45.00
	3,487.02
Teaching Supplies:	
Continental Press	100.55
Economy Company	167.10
Jenn Publications	5.40
Scott, Foresman Company	361.08
General Learning Corp.	329.32
Addison Wesley Pub. Co.	261.68
Benson's	41.70
Educators Publishers Service	7.09
Ginn and Company	108.98
Goodman's Bookstore	15.50
Mainco School Supply	185.83
Scholastic Magazines	253.85
J. L. Hammett	1,549.57
Harper & Row	89.17
Modern Curriculum Press	13.38
Pioneer Business Products Co., Inc.	355.42
Webster Paper Company	177.95
Walter Baker Co.	7.14
Chester Activity Fund	14.12
Xerox Publications	28.90
Ted Herberts Music Co.	21.10
Charles E. Merrill Co.	69.25
Louise's Sport Shop	122.98
Harcourt, Brace & Jovanovich, Inc.	281.84
Leicestershire Learning	68.05
Hampshire Music Co.	11.20
Robert Kalman	9.81
American Education Publications	14.85
Wilcox & Follett	16.71
Litton Education Publications	163.51
Millward Teaching Aids Co.	14.15
Teachers College Press	14.15
E. O. Hatch	38.60
Hooker Howe Costume Co	13.70
	\$4,942.33
Contracted Services for Instruction	
Shirley Dodge	\$84.00
Ann Shuster	7.50

Dan Nolan	555.00
New Hampshire Network	277.00
Meredith Perry	127.60
	\$1,051.10
Other Expenses for Instruction	
Edward O. Hatch	183.63
Arthur Scott, Principal	66.37
Bakers Plays	5.00
Robert Kalman	160.00
Newmarket Press	38.75
Gladys P. Apgar	60.00
Patricia Dickens	80.00
Rosemary Gesel	160.00
Brenda Phelan	60.00
Ann Shuster	80.00
Bruce Donohue	101.30
Supervisory Union No. 14	35.50
Mary Germann	23.88
N.H. Music Educators Association	5.00
Prentice Hall, Inc.	8.16
Harry E. Ryerson	4.50
Chester Activity Fund	31.23
Mary E. Leary	60.00
Meeting Street School	10.78
Parker Publishing Company	10.87
Image Publishing Co.	10.50
	\$1,195.47
HEALTH SERVICES	
Salaries	\$2,252.16
Other Expenses for Health Services	
Professional Disposal Products	24.20
School Health Supply Co.	74.26
American School Health	21.00
Economy Drug	46.47
Personal Products Co.	5.00
American Dental Association	7.50
	\$178.43
PUPIL TRANSPORTATION	
Contracted Services for Pupil Transportation	
Timberlane Transportation (Contract)	11,700.00
Timberlane Transportation (Field Trips)	65.00
	\$11,765.00

OPERATION OF PLANT

Salaries for Operation of Plant	\$6,689.60
Supplies for Operation of Plant	
Strandell Equipment	5.00
M.D. Stetson Co.	1,202.60
Benson's	101.50
Seamans Supply Co.	51.15
Central Paper Company	95.55
Spolletts Store	25.12
	\$1,480.92

Contracted Services for Operation of Plant

Myron Cate	20.00
Raymond Dolloff	285.00
	\$305.00

Heat for Buildings

Eli N. Marcotte, Inc.	1,604.38
Public Service Company	711.83
	\$2,316.21

Utilities

Granite State Telephone Co.	558.06
Public Service Company	1,835.78
Suburban Propane Gas Co.	140.10
	\$2,533.94

MAINTENANCE OF PLANT

Repair to Equipment

Strandell Equipment	6.00
A. H. Rice Co.	3.75
Three M Business Products Co.	10.58
	\$20.33

Contracted Services for Maintenance of Plant

Alfred Delorey	397.62
3M Business Products Co., Inc.	42.50
J. R. Pepper Electric Co.	35.00
A. H. Rice Co.	153.54
Roy's T.V. Shop	8.00
N.H. Welding Supply	5.25
PPG Industries	56.50
Jones Typewriter Co.	25.00
Moody Morin	138.00
Clarence P. Ware	6.00
C. J. Miers & Son, Inc.	335.00

Acme Glass Co.	211.20
Elliotts	592.64
	\$2,006.25
Repairs to Buildings	
Bensons	636.67
Medicos Tile Service	282.50
M. D. Stetson Co.	74.60
Acme Glass Co.	93.70
Merrimack Farmers	8.35
Arthur Scott	1.88
	\$1,097.70
FIXED CHARGES	
Retirement	
N.H. Retirement System (Employees)	262.64
N.H. Retirement System (Teachers)	2,704.71
	\$2,967.35
F.I.C.A.	\$6,650.67
Insurance	
Curtis Insurance Co.	3,258.70
Lockwood Bodwell	36.00
N.H.-Vt. Hospitalization Service	1,674.94
	\$4,969.64
SCHOOL LUNCH & SPECIAL MILK	
Transfer of Funds-Federal	\$3,362.63
District Funds	\$28.96
COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES	\$100.00
CAPITAL OUTLAY	
Sites	
Bensons	\$25.40
New Equipment	
Interstate Restaurant Equipment	907.96
Mainco School Supply	41.25
Suburban Propane Gas	27.00
J. L. Hammett Co.	983.60
	\$1,959.82
DEBT SERVICE	
Principal of Debt	\$11,000.00
Interest	\$4,710.00
OUTGOING TRANSFER ACCOUNTS	
Tuition (In State)	
Pinkerton Academy	67,447.49

City of Manchester	10,440.00
Raymond School District	11,568.72
Salem School District	585.63
Trinity High School	192.00
	\$90,233.84
Transportation to In-State Schools (Public	
Charles & Carol Frederick	\$1,183.20
District's share of Supervisory Union Expenses	\$10,014.31
Tuition (Out of State)	
City of Haverhill	\$3,584.00
Tuition to Other than Public Schools	
Easter Seal Rehabilitation Center	1,995.00
Manchester Association for Retarded Children	2,496.00
	\$4,491.00
Transportation to Other than Public Schools	
Town Taxi	\$4,086.00
Total Net Payments for all purposes	\$303,660.67

ENROLLMENT IN SCHOOL

The following tabulation shows the enrollment in the Chester School as of September 5, 1973:

Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
No. of pupils	32	22	28	34	41	37	46	31	271

1 in Salem Special Education Class @ \$680.89

1 in Manchester Assoc. for Retarded children @ \$962.00

3 in Easter Seal Rehabilitation Center @ \$675.00 per pupil

1 in Mrs. Jacques Private School @ \$674.00

ENROLLMENT IN GRADE SCHOOL

The following tabulation shows the enrollment in the Chester School with grade assignments as of September 4, 1973:

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>No. of pupils</u>
Mrs. Brenda Phelan	1	19
Miss Victoria Stickney	1/2	19
Mrs. Gladys P. Apgar	2	16
Mrs. Rosemary Hatch	3	28
Mrs. Candace Roux	4	25
Mrs. Constance Kerr	4/5	21
Miss Judith Yeaton	5	29
Miss Ann Shuster	6	29
Mr. Bruce Donohue	6/7	24
Mrs. Judith O'Neil	7	30
Mr. Robert Kalman	8	31
		<u>271</u>

ENROLLMENT IN HIGH SCHOOL

The following tabulation shows the number of high school pupils by grade and the tuition rate per pupil:

	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Tuition Rate</u>
Pinkerson	29	17	24	19	89	\$815
Manchester Central	5	3	4		12	\$950
Manchester Memorial				3	3	\$950
Whittier Voc-Tech.					2	\$931
Raymond	5	4	1	6	16	\$931

**CHESTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
GRADUATION CLASS OF 1973**

Barbara Baker	Katherine Labonte
James Berry	Kenneth McFarland
Anna Bishop	Timotny McInnis
Christopher Bragdon	Debra Moulton
Diane Chinn	Sean O'Brien
Nancy Cidoni	William O'Brien
Lee Roy Davis	Penny Rowell
Richard Demers	Scott St. Clair
Michael Finney	Helen Sampson
Peter Foskitt	Katherine Scott
Walter Fraas	Linda Stanley
Diana Gorton	Edward Tebo
Theresa Hanscom	Stephen Terravecchia
Robin Healey	David Werner
Kelley Huston	Perry Williams
Charles Jellison	Peter Wood
Kevin Jones	Shawn Zito

PUPILS WHO COMPLETED GRADE 12 - 1973

PINKERTON ACADEMY

Holly R. Arthur	Joanne M. Jones
Larry Britton	Jacqueline MacMillan
Carolyn Delorey	Dale Myers
Howard A. Goddard	James Sampson
Alfred W. Gorton	Robert Taylor
Thomas Gregoire	Bill Tenney
Mark Huston	Gary Wood
	Harriett Wood

MANCHESTER MEMORIAL

Michael Davis	Ralph Quimby
Karen Luger	

SUPERVISORY UNION NO. 14
Administrative Salaries
1973-1974

	Share of Superintendent's Salary	Share of Asst. Sup'ts. Salary	Share of Asst. Sup'ts Salary
Chester	\$ 1,964.48	\$ 1,589.84	\$ 1,589.84
Epping	3,122.12	2,526.71	2,526.71
Fremont	1,140.10	922.68	922.68
Newmarket	3,964.04	3,208.07	3,208.07
Sanborn Regional	<u>7,349.26</u>	<u>5,947.70</u>	<u>5,947.70</u>
	\$17,540.00	\$14,195.00	\$14,195.00

CHESTER SCHOOL CALENDAR
1974-75

School opens September 4, 1974 (Wednesday)	
School closes December 20, 1974 (Friday)	73 days
School opens January 2, 1975 (Thursday)	
School closes February 14, 1975 (Friday)	32 days
School opens February 24, 1975 (Monday)	
School closes April 25, 1975	45 days
School opens May 5, 1975 (Monday)	
School closes June 16, 1975 (Monday)	30 days
	<hr/> 180 days

NO SCHOOL DAYS

October 11 — Teachers' Convention
November 5 — Election Day
November 11 — Veterans' Day
November 28-29 — Thanksgiving Recess
May 30 — Memorial Day

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Several weeks ago, the superintendent requested Mr. Scott to write a report about his school which could be incorporated in the superintendent's annual report.

Due to the relevancy and the comprehensiveness of Principal Scott's remarks, the superintendent is submitting his report in its entirety.

"The beginning of school in September, 1973, found an opening day enrollment of 271 pupils in the eight grades of school. The enrollment was assigned as follows to eleven classrooms: Grade One, Mrs. Brenda Phelan - 19 pupils; Grade One/Two, Miss Victoria Stickney - 19 pupils; Grade Two, Mrs. Gladys Apgar - 16 pupils; Grade Three, Mrs. Rosemary (Gesel) Hatch - 28 pupils; Grade Four, Mrs. Candace Roux - 25 pupils; Grade Four/Five, Mrs. Constance Kerr - 21 pupils; Grade Five, Miss Judith Yeaton - 29 pupils; Grade Six, Miss Ann Shuster - 29 pupils; Grade Six/Seven, Mr. Bruce Donohue - 24 pupils; Grade Seven, Mrs. Judith O'Neil - 30 pupils; Grade Eight, Mr. Robert Kalman - 31 pupils. Of the eleven classroom teachers noted above, three were new to the school. They are Miss Stickney, Mrs. Roux and Mrs. Kerr. Mrs. Phelan and Mrs. Apgar accepted new grade assignments for the 1973-74 school year. Enrollment figures do vary slightly from time to time with some pupils entering and leaving school as families change their residences. The high enrollment figure attained to date in the current school year is 282 pupils.

Additional professional staff is employed by the school to provide corrective or supportive educational services and health services for the pupils as follows: Full-time - Remedial Reading, Miss Jean Robinson; Part-time - Teacher Aide, Mrs. Barbara Rice; Library Services, Mrs. Sally St. Clair; and Band Instructor, Mr. David Howard. Federal Aid to Education, Title I, supports the part-time services for Resource Education which is under the direction of Mrs. Carol Natalie. Title I also supports a portion of our Speech Therapy, Mrs. Anne (Cunningham) Murad, the district supports the balance of this service. Health Services are provided by Mrs. Johanna Varas, R.N. During the school year, both the Library and Health Services have been improved by increased time availability in these service areas. Miss Robinson, Mr. Howard and Mrs. Varas are new to their positions this year.

Additional essential supportive services are very capably provided for as follows: School Lunch, Mrs. Clara Dolloff, Supervisor, and Mrs. Marie Brander, Assistant; Custodial Services, - Mr. Ralph Potter, Custodian, and at various times Mr. Michael Patnaude or Mr. David

Menard have been employed as part-time assistant custodians. Mrs. Genevieve Rowell has very capably assumed the responsibilities of the School Secretary. Mrs. Rowell began her work in September.

In addition to the staff noted above, the Timberlane Transportation Company provides pupil transportation to and from the Chester School. This service is contracted by the School District.

During the Summer of 1973, the Chester School was fortunate in securing additional custodial help, for the summer only, at no cost to the school. The Rockingham County Action Program employed and paid David Menard to work at the school doing such work as painting, gardening, scrubbing paint, washing windows, etc. This additional assistance made possible many "extra" custodial services not otherwise possible and was most evident to the community as it viewed services not otherwise possible and was most evident to the community as it viewed the exterior of the school and the grounds during the summer. Every effort will be made to secure this additional assistance in the coming summer. However, help from this source is contingent on available Federal Funds to the Action Program.

During the summer and fall months a program of repair, alterations and comprehensive building maintenance was carried out at the school. Among the items of note which were accomplished are the following: painting of two classrooms; installation of new front entrance doors; tiling of both pupils' bathrooms in the original building; the installation of a second heating zone in the original building. This latter item was accomplished by dividing the original one-zone system; repair and installation of a threshold in the outside entry/exit of the cafeteria; the installation of new fluorescent lights in the kitchen; window shades were replaced; and some outside painting on the original building was completed. Additionally, less visible repairs and maintenance have been carried out as time, money and necessity dictated.

The Educational offerings continue to be evaluated and changed to better fit pupil needs. During the current school year, two curricula areas are being considered with the view toward improving instruction and up-dating the materials being used. The areas being investigated by the administration and staff committees are mathematics and language which includes grammar, writing, speech, etc. Final recommendations from each committee are expected in the spring of 'seventy-four.

New emphasis has been placed on penmanship during this school year. The Rinehart Functional Handwriting System, under contract, furnishes staff/pupil supervision and materials to carry out the program on a systematic basis. Classroom follow-through and pupil instruction is

accomplished by the teacher. Results have become evident from this effort. However, it is essential to continue to provide this instruction to reach a level of competency which is desirable.

The school library is used extensively by the pupils for their reference/research work and to select materials for pleasure reading. The school library currently houses approximately 2,280 volumes including such diverse materials as gazettes, encyclopedias, books of games, nonsense, poetry, fiction, adventure, biographies, periodicals, audio-visual materials, etc. The library program consists of formal teaching sessions on how to use the library and its material to free browsing sessions. Pupils are assisted and supervised at all times. Library book withdrawals average approximately 300 volumes per week. The use of reference materials by themselves is not tabulated; however, it is very substantial. The library materials are renewed and added to within the limits of the budget.

The "in school" curriculum is expanded and extended by classroom teachers in various ways. One effective and popular (for the pupils) way which is utilized is the field trip. The field trip might be a visit to local places of interest, such as the post office or fire station, to more extensive trips to science or art museums in Boston. Under present energy conditions, some curtailment of the field trip can, unfortunately, be expected.

On June 11, 1973, the annual graduation exercises were held at the Chester Town Hall. The 1973 Class included 33 graduates. Mr. John Zito, parent of one of the graduates, was the keynote speaker. Through the careful supervision of Mr. Kalman, Class Advisor, and the efforts of members of the class, the graduation exercise was a memorable occasion and well received by the townspeople.

The Citizens for Better Schools continues to be interested in, active for, and helpful to the school and the young people of the town. During the present school year, the C.B.S. has contributed two bike racks to the school. Additionally, they sponsored a "Get Acquainted Supper" and, although not directly school related, a "Breakfast With Santa" for the younger children of the town. During the latter part of the 1972-73 school C.B.S. sponsored an "Awards Dinner" for the pupils who participated in basketball and cheerleading. This was a very popular event. Additionally, C.B.S. assisted with the '73 graduation through its sponsorship of a graduation dance held at the school. C.B.S. has, under its exclusive sponsorship, provided once a week bowling for interested children of the town. The school staff and pupils wish to express their appreciation to Mrs. Marjorie Gould, past President, Mrs.

Barbara Czernich, President and the C.B.S. membership for their efforts for and interest in the children of the town.

The Supervisory Union No. 14 Staff Development Committee has been active during the past two school years. This committee is in the process of drawing up recommendations which will be submitted to the various school boards of the Union regarding the procedures and requirements for recertification of the professional staffs. Presently, Chester is represented on the Committee by Mrs. Louise Ross, Chester citizen; Miss Ann Shuster, Teacher, and Mr. Arthur Scott, Principal.

It may be well to review here the basic lines of communication which are utilized by the school to keep parents and the community informed. Printed school lunch menus are distributed on a regular weekly basis to all pupils at the school. Included with the menus are current notices pertaining to events at the school; school vacations, parent reminders, etc. Every parent should receive a notice every week from their child on the last school day of each week school is in session. Additional notices are distributed to the pupils as need arises. Each week a school lunch menu with its accompanying notices is sent to the Chester correspondent of the DERRY NEWS who utilizes whatever material she wants to for her news column. Additionally, other items of news value are forwarded for her news column. Additionally, other items of news value are forwarded for her use. The DERRY NEWS then is a second communication media. A third media is the three radio stations used by the School Board for "No School" and cancelled school announcements—they are WGIR and WKBR of Manchester, New Hampshire and WLLH of Lawrence, Massachusetts. The fourth and perhaps most productive communications, especially for parents, teachers and of most benefit to the pupil, is the planned parent-teacher conference. Fifth is the numerous written communications which occur between the parent and teacher on both a formal and informal basis, i.e., report cards—four times a year, and formal and informal notes on such diverse topics as behavior, achievement, attendance, nurses reports, etc. Conferences by appointment, after school closing, are encouraged.

Like the rest of the community, the schools live under the shadow of current energy and supply shortages. Conservation measures have been taken at the school. Heat settings have been reduced, supplies and materials are utilized in a more efficient manner and, as part of the overall effort, pupils are made aware of the need for and ways to conserve energy and materials by their classroom discussions and research. The school board has appointed an Energy/Fuel Committee of

six members to advise it on conservation matters.

It is a pleasure to submit this report to my fellow citizens of Chester. It would be impossible to report every facet of school life, events or directions. However, this report is an attempt to consider some topics of current interest."

The citizens of Chester are fortunate, indeed, to have such a competent staff and administrators, who are providing within the framework of our present energy crisis such an excellent education program.

Respectfully submitted,
Francis C. Wilson
Superintendent of Schools



Photo by: W. P. Brander